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Carlsbad	001a	Tom Bryant	Escondido	I am referring to subregion 5, Lapis 1. I find the loser of LaJolla is a bit extreme and really unnecessary. I am a low impact fisherman who really loves the spot and I wish to show my family members the excitement I have there. With this closer to this part of the beach would be diverting to the fishing community in a whole. I spend on an average of \$1000 a year on new gear and bait. If this place would to be closed my money that I spend would not be there to hlep of our local community. I think it would be a great idea to rethink the closing of LaJolla. In reference to Lapis 2 I like how this map is done.	5		
Carlsbad	001b	Tom Bryant		Looks a little more thought out goes well with Revised external proposal A. but back to lapis 2 if this plan was passed I would be spending more money in the future in our local community and be able to pass knowledge to my kids and be able to spend time with my family. I think low impact fishing is a great thing if your looking to save sea life. I think you should look elsewhere. Thank you for your time I help my input helped out.	5		
Carlsbad	002	Heather Jovin	San Diego	I am opposed to the closing of Lapis 1 due to the closure of La Jolla. My husband is a fisherman and I often accompany him on his kayak fishing trips. Not only do I enjoy spending time with my husband for his hobby, but I love the beautiful scenery and getting to truly appreciate nature. I do believe wildlife should be protected and preserved. For this reason, I suggest closing areas for commercial use, but leave them open for recreational use with fish limits and restrictions.			
Carlsbad	003	Nathan Jovin	San Diego	I am strongly opposed to the Lapis 1 proposal. My main reason is that it would restrict my ability to fish the La Jolla kelp beds. I am a recreational kayak fisherman and have become part of an amazing community of ocean-loving sportsmen. Each and every one of them is respectful of the ocean and the creatures in it. We may catch and keep one fish per month, if we're lucky. The rest we release and mainly we enjoy the sport. The rec fishing community also contributes a huge sum of money to the local economy. Last year I invested over \$1000 in fishing permits and equipment. Most of that went to small local businesses that cater to our community. I caught exactly one "keeper." We're not out there to pillage.		Again, I'm against lapis 1 for the reasons previously mentioned. External A looks like a better option, as it strictens the existing La Jolla SMCA but leaves the kelp bed area open. I would, however, like to see Pt. Loma remain open as well sa La Jolla, as shown in lapis 2	I am pleased to see the publics comments being solicited so aggressively by the stakeholders.
Carlsbad	004	Jack Voss	Laguna Niguel	I am a 69 year old kayak fisherman. As such it is important to me to have access to fishing areas. I support opal proposal because it allows me access out of Dana Point for fishing and lobster. I lobster along the long breakwater. Lapis 1 and Lapis 2 both eliminate any access to lobster for kayak out of Dana Point. It is also important keep Doheny Beach open to fishing as it is the only protected kayak area from power boats inside the buoys. La Jolla is another area I fish and the launch area is important at La Jolla shores and being able to get out to fishing area. Again I favor opal proposal. Dana Point headlands and salt creek area are important kayak fishing area accessible from Dana Point harbor.			I think it is a mistake to ignore economic impact on business with CA current economic crisis it is crazy to push this thru at this time.

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Carlsbad	005	Patrick Moench	San Diego	I am a kayak fisherman. I care a great deal about the environment, especially our oceans. I have always been an ocean person but it wasn't until I started kayak fishing that I really became passionate about it. Like many other fisherman (especially kayakers) La Jolla has become my main, if not only fishing grounds. The ease of launching is unparalleled, not to mention some of the best fishing the whole state has to offer. Without access to La Jolla I would be forced to look elsewhere, and would definitely fish less often. If Lapis 1 is accepted, the only time I would be able to fish is if I jump on a friend's boat. Please keep La Jolla kelp beds open (at least the northern part) so that I and other kayakers may continue to enjoy the great, environmentally friendly spot. Thank you			
Carlsbad	006a	Joshua Pruitt	San Diego	I would like to focus on two key points in an effort to keep from boring the reader. First off, the economic impact of closing La Jolla would be detrimental to the city of San Diego...not to mention taking the food out of my child's mouth and surely losing my home. As a kayak fishing guide who's only source of income comes from spreading the word of conservation, not by preaching false science, but through leading by example...the only way possible to really make a difference. My biggest concern after witnessing the obvious bias through every meeting I've had an opportunity (thank you) to attend is the "supposedly science" based agenda of the closures. For the last ten years I've had an opportunity to spend three to five days a week on the water...for the most part exclusively in La Jolla. What's blatantly obvious is that there are more fish now than ever...certainly more than ten years ago.		Please use the map which represents the most cross interest, revised map A.	If in the end a true compromise is reached, representing the most cross interest, with nothing other than the greater good of our ocean in mind...I'm 100% behind the MLPA. Thanks for you listening to those with the most to lose and giving the public a chance to speak.
Carlsbad	006b	Joshua Pruitt		Since the gill nets were taken out in the 80's it took time for the fishery to recover and the numbers today prove that, even though some how, I haven't seen that in the "data" that's been provided. From the perspective of a fellow conservationist with a whole-hearted concern for this fishery, how would forcing the entire fishing population to areas that can't handle it, in essence creating ocean wastelands, be better for the fishery and all mankind?			
Carlsbad	007a	Heather Bensen	Carlsbad	Overall, I support the conservation at our precious marine life. However, several of the current proposals (Lapis 1, Topaz) close the La Jolla area to fishing. I am opposed to closing La Jolla due to several reasons: 1. Safe access for watermen & women & children. This area is one of the only in San Diego County that provides the safety families need while responsibly fishing. 2. If fishing is closed there are many economical repercussions to the local area as well. Tackle gear dive shops will all suffer. 3. Also geared toward economy is the state of the recession. Fishing is an economical way to put healthy food on the table. Fishing from a surfboard or kayak does not pollute the environment as the large party boats do. 4. Family heritage is extremely important. Generations (over 100 years) of our family have provided for their families responsibly on the ocean. Norwegian captains down to our 6 & 4 year olds who already appreciate & know their history.			I am pleased to have the opportunity to learn more about the MLPA and also have a voice in the process. I hope the maps can provide fairness for all views. Easier said than done!! Thank you and keep La Jolla open.

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Carlsbad	007b	Heather Bensen		To tell them they do not have the RIGHT to enjoy the titual of fishing with their father when it is time is unbearable. If La Jolla must receive "no take" zones...please move the zone to the South to Windansea. This will provide marine life protection & accomplish all goals set forth by the MLPA.			
Carlsbad	008	Bill Hamilton	Oceanside	Del Mar is better choice than La Jolla or Swany's		I support minimum closures and therefore Ext Proposal A. If slot limits are viable, I am in support of them and Ext Proposal B would be my next choice.	Too much controversial private funding for the closures. Shouldn't be spending the money when the state is broke!
Carlsbad	009a	Kurt Hoffman	La Jolla	As a general comment to the process I feel that Kayak fisherman could be given special consideration as a very low impact recreational use. Over the past two years I have spent over \$4000 on kayaks & fishing gear & my motor boat has been sitting on a trailer. Although I spent \$8000 to upgrade my motor boat with a clean running 4 stroke motor three years ago. I hvae only used the motor boat twice in the past three years, I prefer kayak fishing as a low impact environmentally friendly means of communicating with nature, I routinely pick-up floating trash discarded by motor boat fisherman. In general kayak fisherman are very conservative in their take of fish. Many fish are released readily from kayaks as in general kayak fisherman respect hte ocean & the resources to a greater extent than many other recreational users. The kayak fishing community is very strong and we have regular meetings and contests where we gather to share our passion and interests.		By noon only 8 yellowtail, 2 halibut and a handful of calico bass were weighed in. The impact of this even was very minimal and we all enjoyed the event and leaned a great deal about the MLPA process. Kayak fishing is a sport I hope to introduce to my son & daughter who attend John Muir school with an emphasis in global citizenship. I feel kayak fishing is a special way to commune with nature and I hope to share this endeavor with my children in the future. Kayak & spear fishing are such natural forms of recreation that restricting these activities seems counter to the initiative goal of increased ocean awareness & respect of the resource.	The economic impact issues seem to be pushed back to the sideline. Recreational fisherman's contribution to the so cal economy is significant & should be accessed & incorporated into the MLPA process. If kayak fishermen spend avg. \$2000 per year on average & motor boat anglers spend \$5000 per year. Those are significant figures & need to be incorporated into the review process.
Carlsbad	009b	Kurt Hoffman		The past staurday 135 of some of the most skilled kayak fisherman in so cal came together for a fishing contest MLPA awareness fundraiser. Many of us launched from the shores at 4am.			
Carlsbad	010a	Martin C. Harding	Encinitas	I am in favor of the revised external proposal A-the main reason being is that it keeps La Jolla shores open and does not extend the current reserve. La Jolla is considered a safe launch for kayakers whether they are 1st timers, youngsters, or those with disabilities. In addition you are close enough to land and lifeguard access should the weather turn or winds begin to howl. La Jolla shores has a very healthy kelp habitat and is an ideal location for kayakers and spearfisherman. I have been fishing La Jolla for the past 25 years and it is where I taught my son (now 9 years old) to fish, first from a boat as an infant then from a kayak starting at age 6. A closure of La Jolla shores would have been an enormous economical impact, as many of us do not have the desire or means to travel further than 3 miles out.			I have attended numerous meetings, and the main thing I notice is that the public has not been adequately unformed of this process. Furthermore, the voices of few have reigned supreme over the voices of many. The whole process seems a bit biased and the data inconclusive and not thoroughly evaluated.
Carlsbad	010b	Martin C. Harding	Encinitas	Also, from a safety stance, La Jolla Shores is considered a safe launch, not hazardous, as some other "surf" beach can be. I would recommed an MLPA in Del Mar, as it can be considered an unsafe launch would not impact the economy financially, and does not offer adequate assistance should it be necessary.			

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Carlsbad	011a	Ron Medak, M.D.	Encinitas	I have been a sportfisherman in california for over 50 years. Presently I fish both commercially (lobster & fish) in the San Diego area. Lapis 1: Unacceptable. Would essentially eliminate the lobster fishing industry and sportfishing in San Diego County. This is a "third world" type proposal which prohibits sustainable fishing, ignores a sceintific approach toward fishing regulation and instead simply uses a hamfist. Lapis 2: Third best proposal. Opal: Unacceptable. This would crowd commerical & recreational lobster fishermen & sportfishermen in such away as to cause overfishing & depletino of stocks in the few remaining fishable areas. Topaz: Acceptable and second best. This is a well thought-out plan with considerable compromise.			I am concerned that this process, trying to pregive an appearance of democracy, has in fact a preconceived conclusion to the detriment of the lobster fishing industry and recreational sportfishing as well. Hopefully that is not the case and a wise compromise, as in xtern prop B (revised) or topaz will be chosen.
Carlsbad	011b	Ron Medak, M.D.		Opal: Unacceptable. Practically this is the same as lapis (see above). External Proposal A (revised): best proposal. This satifies the requirements of the MLPA & still allows San Diego commerical & recreational fishing to continue, albeit with lessened takes. I recommend that this proposal, coupled with reasonable & scientifically based fishing regulations, will allow sustained fishery & marine life that can be enjoyed for generations to come of all stakeholders. E.G. in the case of lobster fishing, this proposal, together with a limit in the # of traps/permits (E.G. 500) would clearly allow a healthy & sustainable lobster population. External Proposal B (revised): fine in San Diego but too restrictive in Orange County.			
Carlsbad	012	Derek Reed	Carlsbad	As an environmental consultant I appreciate the opportunity to provide public comment & support the public process in the MLPA development. I am concerned, however, regarding the potential for reaching closures and the lack of study and data available for public review. If this were part of the normal CEQA/NEPA process, there would be clearly a lack of technical studies to support any position. The process appears to be more emotionally or politically driven. However, I understand where the process currently stands and difficult task that the BRTF has before them. As a third generation San Diegan, the oiean is a very important recreational resource for my family. I do not own a boat and my access is limited to areas that I can reach from shore. I kayak, surf, fish, spearfish & swim in areas accessed from shore. I support the proposals that would not cut off that access for me and my family (ext A, Ext B and Lapis 2)		I support Ext A, B and Lapis 2 because the appear to provide good balance of SMR's and SMP's. I am concerned that large areas of the San Diego County coastline will be closed and access to the ocean for me and my family will be gone. Specifically, the La Jolla area concerns me. My only access, not owning a boat, is from the shore. There is not other option for me to swim 3 miles offshore or paddle 3 miles to be outside the closure areas proposed by some maps. The LJ shores boat launch is the only shore launch access point in the region. A large closure is this area effectively cuts off access for the entire area for recreational users that do not own boats. I hope the BRTF seriously considers access issues in their deliberations.	Overall, I appreciate the efforts of those involved with the MLPA process. The mandated deadlines are a struggle for all involved. Unfortunately, this weakens the entire intent of the act. Once areas are closed, access for many will be gone forever. I encourage limited full closures where possibly to reduce recreational and socioeconomic impact.

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Carlsbad	013	Markus Medak	Encinitas	I am providing comment as a commercial lobster fisherman and avid recreational sport and spearfishermen. Lapis 1: this proposal will effectively eliminate lobster fishing as an economically viable fishery, in San Diego County. Opportunities for spearfishing for yellowtail and with seabass will be drastically reduced. Lapis 2: This proposal will still allow lobster fishing to continue but at a significantly lower profitability. The loss of the T.J river mouth will affect many San Diego fishermen.Opal: This will also eliminate lobster fishing in San Diego County, except at a very reduced level. The Tijuana River mouth SMR will jeopardize the supply of live bait for the CDFV fleet. Topaz: Lobster fishing will still be economically viable while protecting large areas of habitat. External A: protects, some very good fishing grounds in Del Mar but allows all sport and commercial fishing in San Diego County in a sustainable fashion.			The process is moving very rapidly with minimal data. I find MPA's to be a third world solution to effective fisheries management. I feel that lobster fishing, a sustainable minimal by catch fishery is unfairly targeted.
Carlsbad	014	Ralph Epstein	Escondido	My family and I have been fishing La Jolla, Carlsbad, San Diego for 30 years. I would like it to remain open for the next generation of my family to fish and kayak. Fishing is an important part of the economy of San Diego and brings in lots of tourists, why would you want to close all the areas and further rail San Diego economy. Maybe you want to bankrupt it like this state is bankrupt.			
Carlsbad	015	Tony Ritter	Vista	I'm very concerned about Lapis 1 & in particular the area around La Jolla 2. This would shut down the shores where the launch ramp is an dis the only access to open ocean. I am an avid kayak fisherman under my own power. I cathy photograph & release 90% of the fish I catch. There are hundreds of people who feel the same way about this process, that it needs to be postponed until California can get back on its feet. These proposals may do some good in certain areas that the commercial fisherman have overfished. If the MLPA's go into affect the DFG will be even more scarce than they already are!			
Carlsbad	016	Nathan Clookie	Carlsbad	I'm a 30 year old small business owner. I sell kayaks and specialize in fishing kayaks. Most of my business comes from kayak fishing. It's crucial for my clientele to have access to safe & easy ocean launches. La Jolla is the most important location to remain open and accessible. If La Jolla closes, it will start an economic snowball effect. I won't be able to support my family, I'll have to lay off my 3 employees and shut down my business. Please consider this as you choose the closures.			

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Carlsbad	017a	Peter Doherty	Encinitas	General comments: I am an environmentalist (sierra club, green peace), conversationist (nature conservancy) and a fisherman. I catch fish to put food on the table (and grow my own vegetables). I kayak fish for lots of reasons: no fossil fuel, non polluting, not supporting factory fish operations with their fossil fuels and killing of fish by catch. It is also my favorite outdoor sport and enjoy the California weather. There are few places to launch my kayak from the shore safely. These two areas are La Jolla and Encinitas. If La Jolla or Encinitas are closed you will be taking away my opportunity to supply my own fish for the dinner table.		Lapis 1: Not in favor...closes La Jolla to all fishing and closes swami's to kayak fishing. Not acceptable. Lapis 2: Somewhat in favor...Del Mar SMR acceptable. Closes point loam-not acceptable. Opal...somewhat in favor. Del Mar SMR-acceptable. Closes sunset cliffs-Not acceptable. Topaz: Somewhat in favor. Del Mar SMR-acceptable. closes swami to kayaks-Not acceptable. closes O.B.-Not acceptable. Ext A: Somewhat in favor...Del Mar SMR-acceptable. Closes O.B.-Not acceptable. Ext B: Somewhat in favor. Del Mar SMR-acceptable. Closes O.B.-Not acceptable. I am in favor of Ext A, Ext B, Lapis 2. I oppose Topaz and Opal. I strongly oppose Lapis 1-It will do the most damage to accessibility and will have the biggest economic impact.	Good so far. Please keep it fair and open. There were a few issues when the BRTF voted at Round 2. Please keep the process equitable-no hidden agendas please. Thank you for allowing me the time to comment.
Carlsbad	017b	Peter Doherty		If I had to travel further and fish I would have to buy a boat and burn fossil fuels. I support the local economy by buying rods, reel, tackle. Closing down this fishing will hurt the local fishing economy. The Del Mar area is my preferred area for closure since it is not readily accessible from shore and it would work to safeguard the necessary habitat area.			
Carlsbad	018a	Christopher Davis	San Diego	In general, all maps proposals close highly productive areas that don't need protection (for example, Laguna Beach area as a whole, La Jolla, Pt. Loma, P.V, Catalina Island, SBI, Point Dume). These areas are hit hard year after year, yet they still produce and hold large amounts of fish and bait. A reason they are hit hard and don't produce/hold large amounts of fish are neglected to "over-all" scoring. The areas on all maps give the highest socio-economic impact to local communities/businesses, commercial, and private entities. Landings and Harbours will be so detrimented that the death warrant for closing their businesses, the day this is passed. No to La Jolla/Pt. Loma closing..YES to closing Del Mar. Del Mar produces and holds just as much as several "hot spots" or "honey holes" as parts of La Jolla yet why is it being so overlooked.			Stop wasting money on this process, give this money to the DFG and fish restoration projects.
Carlsbad	018b	Christopher Davis	San Diego	Public access will be completely hurt for the kayaking community to the point of several shops throughout the La Jolla area having to close down due to complete halt in normal business. By shutting Del Mar down to fishing/spear fishing; you make it safer for people who have to hike down the hard access of the Del Mar cliffs and send them elsewhere. Del Mar is easily marked by Rivermouth to Rivermouth. This will cover a variety of habitats and residents will be happier that a severe increase of traffic of people will be halted. Laguna Beach is another place of easy beach access for residents of the Orange County area, most of who can't afford a boat or kayak. Proposal B is garbage. Do you guys even know what "persistent kelp" really is? This process needs to stop until more current information can be gathered and the "recession" can be taken into account for cause/effects.			

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Carlsbad	019	Jake Bonus	Laguna Beach	Lapis 1 and Topaz proposals capture the best habitat for replication and are vital for spacing guidelines. However, the Laguna Beach would benefit from having a preferred sized reserve off this stretch of coastline. To do this, Lapis 1's Laguna Beach SMCA needs to become an SMR, while Topaz's Laguna SMR needs the Southern border to extend to Alviso Creek and the minutes need to run on latitude lines as opposed to longitude lines. This will help with the feasibility of enforcement. All other proposals contain SMR's in Laguna Beach that are either too small or do not capture the highest quality and most critical habitat.		Lapis 1: Laguna SMCA needs to be SMR instead. Laguna SMR need to extend 3 nautical miles out. Topaz 2: Laguna SMR does not capture enough coastline. Opal: Laguna SMR does not capture enough coastline. Ext A: Laguna SMR does not capture enough coastline. Ext B: SMR would be ineffective. Size is too small.	Protecting areas is important to us ecologically, and economically. This process seems to focus too much on consumptive use rather than the benefits of protected areas. It is good that stakeholders have an opportunity to speak and express their opinions, but not when popular opinion threatens the outcome of the process. Sometimes popular opinion is wrong.
Carlsbad	020	Mike Dad	Laguna Beach	All draft arrays have SMR's that are too small in Laguna. I would like border to border abalone point in the north to mussel point in the south. SMR going three miles out in the ocean and of the preferred size of 18 square miles not only would the size follow the science guidelines but also border to border would allow easy education for the citizenry and enforcement. Lapis 1: too small SMR in Laguna. Lapis 2: Impossible to enforce and difficult to communicate borders to consumptives in Laguna. Opal: too small in Laguna. Ext A: Borders will be enforceable in Lguna SMR. Ext B: Are they nuts in laguna?			
Carlsbad	021	Norman Yuen	Encinitas	I'm a proud sportsman and conservationist. I believe in being responsible in the taking of game-time so that future generations will be able to enjoy fishing also. I find the closing of La Jolla deeply troubling, not only to myself but to my community. La Jolla is the only safe place for many to launch kayaks to fish for pelagics. If La Jolla is closed my dream of teaching my young daughter to kayak fish with me drastically diminished. Also, I believe that our local economy will suffer even more than it already is. Our family spends roughly \$7000 or more per year towards the sport of kayak fishing. Many local retailers will be put out of business. 70% of my kayak fishing is out of La Jolla. In my opinion, an alternative of closing Del Mar would be fair for everyone. Thank you for the opportunity to voice my view in this matter.			
Carlsbad	022a	Shara Djahanbani	Encinitas	I am deeply concerned by the proposed initiative. I consider myself a conservationist concerned with preservation of our earth. I take this very seriously and teach my 2.5 year old daughter to always recycle, pick up trash, and report poachers, as a family we enjoy fishing and spend about 80%-85% at the beaches of La Jolla and Point Loma as a sportsman/conservationist my money goes to replenish, patrol and restock the ocean. The proposed closure of La Jolla or Point Loma would not only impact the fishing community, it would impact me personally. My husband and I are avid fishing/kayakers and have always felt safe and protected in these areas.			

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Carlsbad	022b	Shara Djahanbam		They not only provide easy access for launching our kayaks, it is also the safest area where I feel comfortable having our daughter accompany us. In fact this area is one of the only spots that certain pelagic fish are caught. As an example, we enjoy fishing for Bonito, Barracuda, etc. Our only other option if these areas closed would be boat fishing which would be at the expense of polluting, something I am trying to not be a part of and trying to teach my daughter about. La Jolla and Point Loma are close to the metro area which I think would offer legal and safe recreation for millions of San Diegans! Therefore the closure of these areas would 100% absolutely impact millions of people. A proposed closure could be in an area such as Del Mar where not as many people would be affected. Not as much money would be lost if Del Mar closed. If you close this area you are taking or should I say stealing something personal and dear to me.			
Carlsbad	022c	Shara Djahanbam		You'd be taking 100% of my family's fishing opportunity. My grandparents, and mom and dad and now my own family fish and kayak this area. It's been a tradition that I look forward to doing with my own grandchildren in this area. When my grandma passed away, I continued and increased my La Jolla/Point Loma beach visits as this area holds dear memories. I scattered my grandma's ashes at sea and each time I boat and fish this area, I feel happiness that my grandma's traditions and memories live on although she sadly passed away. I can't imagine an alternate area for these reasons. I can't fathom another safe place that would be free of kayak diving problems such as safe or adequate wind levels, distance/and or suitable launches. The only choice would be to keep these places intact.			
Carlsbad	022d	Shara Djahanbam		From an economic standpoint, I am contributing to local businesses and bringing revenue to these areas, more than tourism would. In the last year we have upgraded our kayaks and spent \$4000, we've spent roughly \$2000 on gas getting to these areas, spent about \$500-800 on lodging in Point Loma, spent \$500-600 on dining in Point Loma/La Jolla region. Spent \$3000 at local stores on new poles/bait tackle, life vests, safety courses, this is close to \$10,000 in just myself alone. That would not continue annually if these areas closed. La Jolla constitutes 80-85% of our outings. I want to continue traditions and spending my hard earned money in areas I trust and would like to see grow and prosper. I want/need to continue keeping my grandma's memory alive. I implore you to please choose an alternate area, such as Del Mar. Thank you for considering my opinions and plea			
Carlsbad	023	Jeff Morasse	Vista	External Proposal B is what I support. I need access to recreation of kayak fishing. As a native Californian I need access to these specific areas. Please do not stop my access. Are you a Native? I need to support people who make a living based on the ocean - marine, fishing, manufacturer's, etc. We do not need more people on unemployment. Thank you to all parties for your work on this issue. Please come together on a plan that helps us all to create a better ocean. Remember, water is what these species live in - clean ocean water is the only thing these species need. Pollution is the problem in the water. This is where these species live at this time. Too bad you are not worried about cleaning the water first.			

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Carlsbad	024	Donald Lang	San Diego	I am in favor of revised external Proposal B.			
Carlsbad	025	Paul Zenner	Encinitas	I like Proposal A from what I've seen. I do not like the arbitrary and non scientific approach this committee has taken in implementing MIPA in the North and Central Coast. I also do not like that the State cannot afford to enforce or scientifically monitor the results of any proposed restrictions which is the basis and legal authority for the Fish and Game Commission to implement the restrictions. Basically, the State of California is broke and is worse shape now than in 2004 when this was postponed. Cost of implementation has gone from \$250,000 to \$34,000,000 at a time when the state is ill prepared to pay this. What are we thinking?			
Carlsbad	026	Cyndi	Oceanside				Fishing grounds belong to the citizens of California, not special interest groups. Enforcing existing fish and game laws and conservation is sufficient to protect our fishing habitats. If there are problems to be addressed, I would suggest pollution and foreign fishery abuses. Californians are not the problem for our marine life. We must stop destroying businesses and recreation at the hands of a brute force environmental minority. Enough is enough! Leave proposal "O" as is.
Carlsbad	027	Owyn Snodgrass	Cardiff	I am a research fisheries biologist workign with the National Marine Fisheries Service. I am a conservationist and recreational fisherman. I believe MPA's are a good idea, but do not agree with many aspects of the current MLPA process. I feel complete closure of areas to recreational fishing is unfair to the public interest. Recreational fisherman are not a significant impact on fish stocks. Commercial fisherman are a much more drastic influence on our fishing stock. I think commercial closures are a good idea. but "no take" zones in places like LaJolla are a bad idea for recreational fisherman. Closing La Jolla would take away my only area to fish from my kayak. I would be ok with Proposal A revised external proposal. I think La Jolla should remain open to recreational fishing. The other areas are ok with me, but Lapis draft 1 is a very bad idea.		I think Lapis 1 would be very harmful to my way of life. Not to mention the livelihood of many people in the fishing industry. The closure and no take for La Jolla is specific is a very bad idea. La Jolla is a very special place for me and many people. It is wrong to completely close La Jolla. some species restrictions would be ok with me, for example closing invertebrate take would be a good idea. But closing La Jolla to taking highly migratory species such as yellow tail, and white seabass is a bad idea and would have no positive impact on their fish stock. I think revised external Proposal A is the best MPA map. I like the changes in Proposal A and agree with closing COMMERCIAL fishing in these areas but NOT recreational fishing.	I think the process is one sided and there has not been enough time to actually evaluate the science and research possibility. We need to know how these areas will be effected before we close them.
Carlsbad	028	Rachel Woodfield	Oceanside	Subregion 3, all proposals: I would propose that the newly restored Full Tidal Basin at Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve be added to all proposals as a SMR. I propose all SMP land proposed at Bolsa Chica be changed to SMR, with the exception of the trail areas currently open to the public for non-consumptive uses. These should remain open, as SMP?			

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Carlsbad	029a	Leslea Meyerhoff	Solana Beach	The City of Solana Beach remains concerned that the MLPA process could have a significant adverse impact on cities and SANDAG's ability to restore the San Diego County beaches and shoreline. The City is not opposing the MLPA process. However, we intend to make sure that our ability to restore our beaches and provide shoreline protection (through soft-solutions, not seawalls) is unaffected by this new regulatory scheme. the Lapis 1 (round 2) alternative is the only alternative that does not establish a "no-take" zone over one of our identified critical source of offshore sand. Access to this sand source must remain intact in order for the region to implement an effective beach restoration program in the future. We are formally requesting the inclusion of the following language in the take regulations for any and all MPA proposals:			
Carlsbad	029b	Leslea Meyerhoff		Allowances for sand removal and placement on regional beaches as part of an on-going and future beach restoration activities. If this language is included, Solana Beach will not oppose the MPA designations nor the process.			
Carlsbad	030	Katie Westfall	San Diego	Bring back Proposal C! Not a single proposal provides adequate protection for marine ecosystems. Because the majority of the RSG is comprised of fisherman, the middle ground proposals have been shot down and now we are left with four proposals that are almost identical. All six proposals are not adequate protection according to the Science Advisory Team. Not a single option represents the diverse needs of the broader south coast community. In order to ensure a successful outcome and an effective MPA network, we need a broad range of options on the table and a commitment to science. We urge the BRTF/FGC to ensure the round three proposal include options supported by a variety of stakeholders including conservationists, scientists, surfers, divers and others who use the ocean as a cultural and recreational resources.		Draft Proposal A & B both ignore areas of critical habitat and include areas that are not the highest of priority for conservation. Both plans do not include any additional areas in La Jolla and around the coves, regions shown to be highly biodiverse and worth protecting. A large focus on both of these plans include Del Mar which is a sandy bottom area and not as significant as Pt. Loma regions and La Jolla. Both of these proposals fail to represent the interest of a broad stakeholder group and only express the interest of fishing groups. we need a broad range of options as many of the proposals are identical.	It seems that the process has been hijacked by one interest group - the fishermen. They represent well over a majority of the RSG and all Round 2 proposals show their interests. We need more representation on the RSG of a diverse group including spanish speakers, conservationists, surfers, divers, and community members.
Carlsbad	031a	Alberto Silebi	San Diego	I am a San Diegan that holds with utmost value the varied resources provided by our oceans. I instill on my children the deepest of respect for our environment and all the joy that it brings our family. My concerns in the MLPA are multi-faceted and range from access to heritage to economics. I am a long time member of the San Diego Freedivers. We hold dearly in our club a high level of ethics and stewardship for our oceans. We donate funds to help raise White Sea Bass and increase the health of our oceans. While we contribute funds to maintain our oceans the state is erroneously rushing into a program that it cannot economically sustain. In addition, it adversely impacts our economy as a whole. I have a young daughter age 3 that has inherited her love for the ocean from myself. She also loves to consume the catch of the day with the entire family.			This process is not based on sound science and is artificially being funded. The State of California is neither capable of implementing this on its own, nor is it capable of enforcing it. Ethically the state should not pursue this.

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Carlsbad	031b	Alberto Silebi		Her problem is with access to quality diving/swimming from shore. On occassion she enjoys shore diversity/spearfishing with dad (me). there are only several places where a youth of 3-4 years of age can safely access the ocean. I cherish above all the legacy that is being passed to her. Besides being a bayside fisherman and diver that frequents La Jolla and views dismally the loss of that access for myself and my daughter, I also keep a boat in the water in Mission Bay. I fish both La Jolla and Point Loma. I dive both areas exclusively. Closure of either of these areas impact my access, my daughter's access, and reduce my annual \$10,000 expenditure into the local economy hosted by our oceans. I support the Dunes close to meet guidelines.			
Carlsbad	032	Maurizio Mangini	Carlsbad	I am concerned about the procedures for collecting raw data as to all the proposal sites, as well as having access to all raw data. Transparency is not obvious. As to our local areas, Carlsbad to the mexican border, I favor the revised External Proposal B. It has the least impact on the safety, heritage, and the economics of our area. I am opposed to closing La Jolla and Pt. Loma. La Jolla has the only safe entry and return for kayak, swimming, divers and fisherman. Pt. Loma is the second closest to launching sites that are accessible and safe.			
Carlsbad	033a	Wayne Wilcoxon	Carlsbad	As a kayak fisherman, La Jolla is the most important area for me to keep open for fishing. I like to fish from a kayak because I believe in low-impact on the environment. I believe the fish population in La Jolla is not endangered. I occassionally take a fish or two for my own use and release most. I consider myself an environmentalist and want to protect the marine environment and fish populations. By fishing from my kayak (along with my wife) we feel we become part of the ocean and even pick up garbage when we see it. If La Jolla (and Pt. Loma too) are closed to us, our options to experience the beauty of the ocean is greatly depleted. My wife's father grew up fishing this area. He can no longer fish, but still enjoys hearing about my adventures and looking at the pictures I take. I spend a lot of money locally on gear. Just recently I bought a new rod and reel that contributed about \$350.00 to our economy. Thanks for letting me voice my option.			
Carlsbad	033b	Wayne Wilcoxon		Please do not close La Jolla or Pt. Loma to fishing. I am willing to consider new take laws, but not complete closure. This would drastically change my San Diego life to one I don't even want to consider.			

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Carlsbad	034a	Stan Hogen	Carlsbad	Re: Agua Hedionda SMR - As a resident of the lagoon (Bristol Cove) and a member of Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation, I feel the Agua Hedionda Lagoon SMR should be abandoned. Not only is the existing SMR not enforced, but it is located in an area that is rarely accessible (except at low tide). it is already a passive use area so no motors allowed. On propoal shows the entire passive use area as a SMR - this is a bad idea! All this will do is force anglers into one small area of the lagoon. Agua Hediojda is a very unique place. Nowhere else can you take a child shore fishing in the ocean and not have to worry about big waves. All of my kids and most of my friend's kids learned how to fish at Agua Hediojda. but more importantly they were taught the importance of protecting the lagoon through sportsmanship, catch and release techniques and identifying and sharing with all the wildlife and fish is the lagoon.			
Carlsbad	034b	Stan Hogen		Please do the right thing and let our kids and grandkids enjoy and learn about this lagoon. Either leave the existing SMR as it is or abandon SMRs is the lagoon all together.			
Carlsbad	035a	Nancy Ortiz	San Diego	In reference to Lapis 2 MPA Proposal: Ive been kayak fishing for about three years now. I can simply state that I love to fish off my kayak. Recreationally, it is 100% of my leisure activity. I get friends and family involved in recreation fishing. I intend to pass this passion of mine to my children in the near future. Taking away La Jolla, the pearl of San Diego would be absolutely detrimental. The current marine reserve has worked amazingly well. A myriad amount of pelagic fish thrive in this nest egg of Southern California. Having the ability and access to launch out of La Jolla is a privilege for many of us. I see 1/2 day boats out with La Jolla, and because I own my kayak I can have the equal opportunity to economically put myself in the same situation/location as a charter boat.			Overall the statistics currently made are nto accurate enough based to close La Jolla, Pt. Loma, Catalina Island. I strongly believe that the State of California does not have the economic means for such closures. La Jolla should be left along as it is. Point Loma has not environmentally destroyed any fish classification. instead of helping the budget stricken State of California, these closures are going to bury the economy.
Carlsbad	035b	Nancy Ortiz		I can estimate that I contribute \$2,000 - \$4,000 dollars yearly in this "so called passion" of mine. In preparing for any outing, I contribute gasoline expense, tackle, rods and reels, clothes, bait, etc. Why not take a slight different approach and extend the fish size. Instead of 12" for calicos, why not make a legal size of 14"/15". also making smaller fish limits for charter boats - to keep 7 calico bass, 1 legal halibut of 25", instead of 22". Logically, the pelagic fish have thrived with the current fish size and limitations; restricting the size is a cheaper and smarter approach.			

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Carlsbad	036a	Tom Keough	San Diego	1) I oppose all the MPA proposals that call for Marine Reserves in the areas off La Jolla and Point Loma. These areas have thriving sustainable pelagic and resident marine life populations due to years of sound game management effort of the Fish and Game Department. Declaring a Marine Reserve in the La Jolla and Pt. Loma areas prevents enjoyment by countless numbers of boaters, divers, fishermen, spear-fishermen, kayakers, and swimmers. Marine reserves in these areas will also prevent further sound resource management practices such as harvesting sea urchins to enable the kelp beds to flourish. The preserve off La Jolla shores is barren because the unchecked urchin populations destroyed kelp. 2) I oppose all the MPA proposals that call for Marine Reserves in the areas off La Jolla and Point Loma.			
Carlsbad	036b	Tom Keough		such action will have a widespread economic impact on the community of San Diego as a whole, particularly in these times of national and local economic hardship. many San Diegans rely on bringing people here for vacationing and associated recreational activities including kayaking, spearfishing and fishing. The La Jolla and Pt. Loma areas provide easy access for those activities since the areas can be accessed from nearby beaches via swimming and kayaking. the LaJolla areas is adjacent to a large metro area and is one of a few spots where kayakers and spearfishermen can fish for pelagic species (yellowtail, white seabass, bonito, barracuda, etc.) Many thousands of tourists engage in these activities and designating marine reserves in Pt. Loma and La Jolla will have adverse socio-economic impact for millions of people.			
Carlsbad	036c	Tom Keough		3) I urge the adoption of a Marine Reserve or closure in the area off the shoreline of Del Mar as an alternative to closures off the shorelines of La Jolla and Pt. Loma. The Del Mar area provides biodiversity and habitat and special protection that meets scientific goals of MPA and is supported by the proposals Lapis 2, Opal, Topas. 4) I have been a spearfisherman in the La Jolla & Pt. Loma areas for over forty-five years. I hope to be able to continue practicing this God-given heritage for the duration, and have many friends and family members that also have this interest. I personally knew the pioneers of free-diving and spear-fishing that started all here in San Diego. Over the years I have dived and shared adventures with many of them, and it saddens me greatly that this gratifying and fulfilling activity may be taken away from us and denied to my heirs by the action of MPA.			

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Carlsbad	037	Tara O'Connor	San Diego	I encourage that maps be looked at in a way that they are not duplicates of each other, in terms of ocean life and habitat. The sea bed floor and geographic is vacant and species of fish and peragics very similar in areas of reef, sea kelp beds, and sand floor areas. External Prop. C was voted out for a reason and I felt that when it was kept to go forward it was very unfair and disrespected those that have worked hard and who have spoken on behalf of the MLPA process and efforts of the blue stake holders. Thank you.		I uge to consider Del Mar as an alternative versus closing La Jolla. Firstly, the socioeconomic impact would be less severe. Secondly, access is a huge issue. I love to spearfish, but I also kayak and La Jolla Shores is the only accessible and SAFE area to do this. La Jolla Shores is adjacent to a hug metro area and it is convenient for thousands of people. Alternatively, Del Mar would not provide a safe access, and no access at all for kayakers. Please consider Del Mar as an alternative as it adheres to MPA guidelines with less socio-economic impact and also because access would not be an issue.	Please be fair and remain unbiased, non-judgemental, and democratic when reviewing both and all sides of MLPA process. Thank you so much for all your hard work so far!
Carlsbad	038	Jeff Squires	San Diego	Most of these plans do not allow surf fishing. Is there anyway to allow surf fishing in any of the "no fish zone"? I enjoy fishing from the beach and have taken my kids and now my grandkids to the beach to fish. We have always released our catch when possible. I would like to see you put limits on when I can fish, or what I can fish, or the size of the fish instead of not being able to fish at all. If you want to fix the eco-system, clean up th eater going into the ocean first. You clean up the water the life will come back. Fishing (recreational) is not hurting these eco-systems.			
Carlsbad	039a	Adam Birbaum	Del Mar	As a planner for the City of Del Mar in San Diego County. I have some limited concerns about the proposed designation of a (RED) MLPA for most of the off-shore area along the city boundaries. The City of Del Mar has traditionally been very supportive of resource preservation efforst. But the city also has an interest in future sand replenishment and san retention projects in the geographic area designated as an MLPA or vitually all of the alternatives. Del Mar is also a very popular beach recreation area with a corresponding emphasis on marine safety measures. As such, my concerns are that the regulatory guidelines that would govern activities in an MLPA will specifically allow beach replenishment and beach restoration projects without the need for a discretionary interpretation of whether that type of project is allowed in a (Red) MLPA area.			
Carlsbad	039b	Adam Birbaum		We would also want to be sure that the regulatory guidelines specifically allow the type of beach recreation that is historical to the area with the associated beach grooming, lifeguard patrols and other marine safety services.			
Carlsbad	040a	William Vitale	San Diego	I am a 45 year old man that has several disabilities due to injuries sustained in the line of duty while working as a firefighter. I have only one choice of a safe launch site. La Jolla Shores public boat launch to launch and land my kayak. I am a recreational kayak fisherman, and I fish the La Jolla Shores area 100% of the time. I also contribute thousands of dollars annually to my local economy purchasing fishing related equipment. In 2007 I purchased a new Hobie kayak for \$2,000, several rods an reels totally \$2,500, kayak rocks \$550, bait tanks \$150, GPS \$300, fishfinder \$350, etc. This is only a portion of my total kayak fishing expenditures. It is reasonable to assume that there will be a similar yearly expenditure in years going forward thus supporting my local economy.		I do not support a MPA at La Jolla Shores. I support External A Proposal because it offers a reasonable alternative by locating a MPA in Del Mar area.	I would like to see the raw science data collected to determine the habitat requirements. I would like to see economic impact studies as well as recreational impact reports.

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Carlsbad	040b	William Vitale		My 2009 kayak fishing related purchases have been very similar to the above mentioned purchases, as equipment needed replacing. If La Jolla Shores is closed to fishing due to an MLPA Reserve I will lose 100% of my recreational fishign opportunity kayak fishing. Multiply this dollar amount by the number of kayak fisherman. More over, my local economy will suffer an economic impact as I would no longer make kayak fishing related purchases totally approximately \$3000 per year as I have outlined in page one of this comment sheet. In addition to the points I have mentioned above, I also spend a fair amount of time fishing with my family in the La Jolla Shore area. this is tradition for my family and I would like to continue to take my young son kayak fishin in th esafe inshore waters of La Jolla Shores.			
Carlsbad	040c	William Vitale		La Jolla Shores is sheltered from dangerous swell activity, and also has shelter from strong winds due to Point La Jolla geography. This insures a fairly safe return after a day of fishing. A reserve located in the Del Mar area would offer the diverse habitat that is required for an MLPA reserve while allowing minimum economic and recreational impact to the residents of San Diego and tourists alike.			
Carlsbad	041	William Vitale	San Diego	Continued from 40			
Carlsbad	042	Mike Yoar	Elfinforest	I fish bass tournaments out of San Diego Bay and on your maps, the area that I fish is not open so I will have to use more gas to fish La Jolla, then come back throw the closed area. If the boat stops working and I am in the red with fish and will now get a ticket. P.S. The fish will be set free after weigh in. Lapis 2 draft. Revise External B.			
Carlsbad	043	Kiyo Sato	Gardena	Lapis 1 - is the least friendly map for fisherman, especially kayak and spearfishermen. It shuts down La Jolla Shores to human powered water crafts. External A&B are the preferres closures and still meet set guidelines.			
Carlsbad	044	Joan Sosa	West Covina	Lapis 1: This map proosal is the least friendly to human powered recreational fishermen - kayakers and spear fishermen. It would close La Jolla Shores to us which is an area that is used by almost all us fisherman for several reasons. These reasons include shelter from wind, swell, which play and huge part in our safety. Closing La Jolla Shores would make us travel farther distances for us to fish and if the weather turns for the worse, we are no longer as safe. Fishing is more than just a recreational activity to me and my family. My faather and I, as well as my cousins and their fathers, have enjoyed fishing and lok at it as a bonding experience. I would like to continue this with my own son or daughter one day. I hope that one day they can enjoy a day on the water with their fathers, as I have, and not be put in danger by having to travel further under their own power to fish.			

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Carlsbad	045	Robert Sawai	Torrance	Lapis 1 - is the least friendly map for fishermanen, especially kayakers and spear fishermen. It shuts down La Jolla Shores to human powered water craft because it increases the distance needed to reach our fishing grounds. It also shuts down Laguna. They cannot be fishing safely. All other proposals leave La Jolla Shores open to recreational while still meeting the guidelines set by the SAT. External A&B are the preferred closures and still meet all SAT guidelines. Also, Lapis 1 forces fisherman to fish waters too far from the launch in Redondo. Human powered water craft are unable to fish the P.U. area without a very long distance of travel.			
Carlsbad	046a	Kenneth Rosburg	San Diego	I would like to show my support for revised External Proposal B. As a kayak angler that fishes La Jolla it will have the least impact on me as an angler. La Jolla is th eonly safe ocean launch site in San Diego and having it open to fishing is a must for a kayaker. It is simply unreasonable to ask a kayaker to launch at a site that is dangerous and further away and expect me to paddle 5 or more miles just to fish. The closing of La Jolla is Lapis 1 draft, Lapis 2 draft, Opal draft and Topaz draft are unacceptable to me and would cause me to either launch at a dangerous site or give up fishing in the State of California and spend my money in Mexico to fish.		External Proposal B is the MLPA that I support. It keeps La Jolla open to low impact kayaking. External Proposal A would be my second choice in supporting. Keeping La Jolla and Pt. Loma open to fishing in a must as a kayak angler. All other proposals I find to be unacceptable and would close many areas to angling like La Jolla 2 SMR in Lapis 1 draft, Sunset Cliffs SMR Opal Draft and Laguna SMR in Topaz Draft.	
Carlsbad	046b	Kenneth Rosburg		I have fished in San Diego as a boy and cannot imagine not being able to fish La Jolla or Point Loma. as well as not being able to take my young boys fishing there, kayak fishing is something I would love to share with them and shutting down fishing in La Jolla and Pt. Loma would end that dream. With that being said, I support External Proposal B with External Proposal A being my second choice.			
Carlsbad	047	Jonathan Zaidman	San Diego	None of the 6 maps respresent my interest in coastal conservation. I would like to see a proposal geared towards scientific biological conservation like the previously represented "Proposal C". Both External Proposals A& B are lacking in protection of important regions. I fail to see how either of these proposals represent the best interest of marine life. As for Lapis, Topaz, and Opal, they provide me very little difference and none of the 3 seem like viable ecological options.		I would first and foremost like to see La Jolla protected on a higher level on all of the maps. My main concern is the unique biodiversity that La Jolla has to offer including the leopard sharks, garibaldi, and the seals. All of these are treasures of our beach and a draw for thousands of tourists annually. The economic benefit of tourist dollars is one that is not to be taken lightly. I least of all support External Proposal B.	I feel there nees to be a stronger conservational interest being represented within the RSG. I see no proposals that suit me as a Sand Diego local, surfer and conservationalist. I could not, as of yet, even select an option. For, in my opinion, they all seem to ignore scientific reasoning.
Carlsbad	048a	Donald Irvine	San Diego	I am a 75 year old skin diver and fisherman. I do not spearfish. I fish from a 12 foot boat, so Ineed close, safe access to fishing grounds from Mission Bay or San Diego Bay. Mostly I exit Mission Bay and fish the edge of the kelp beds to the north. It is a short distance and is protected by Point La Jolla and the kelp beds themselves. Looking at the various proposals, the La Jolla South SMR would eliminate the one place which is relatively safe for me and those like me of limited means. My take in a years time is very small. Maybe a fish a month on average. My enjoyment cmes from the wonderful activity, not the take. Despite being on a fixed income (retired firefighter), I do spend a significant amount of my available funds on fishing.			

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Carlsbad	048b	Donald Irvine		I spent \$1,300. at the Del Mar Boat show (new boat), bought a more emissions compliant engine in Pacific Beach for \$1,400, spend over \$500 at Squidco Pacific Highway on miscellaneous fishing gear. That is just in 2009. Looking at the various proposals, External A looks to meet most of the needs of the MLPA while still making it possible for those without huge boats to still fish inshore in relative safety. If the Sunset Cliffs SMR inshore portion was eliminated, I would support it 100%. I would support a Del Mar SMR, and most other areas which do not selectively discriminate against those who must fish close to their access site. California has been my home since 1945, and I love San Diego. If the more restrictive proposals pass, however, I will seriously but reluctantly consider leaving the state.			
Carlsbad	049	Donald Irvine	San Diego	Continued from C48			
Carlsbad	050a	Jan Yafis	San Diego	Revised External Proposal A or B: I am the widowed grandmother of 10 grandchildren, 8 of whom live in the San Diego area. For 30 years before my husband died, freediving and spearfishing was our passion. We passed that passion on to our children and grandchildren. My husband and I were/are good stewards of the ocean and we passed our ethics and love of the ocean on to them. Since my husband died, my own passion has been to continue freediving and spearfishing. I love being on and in the ocean. While I spend a lot of time on and in the ocean, I haven't speared a fish for a few years. It's not the spearfishing that I love, it's the ocean itself. This summer when the water warms up, I plan to take my 5 year old grandson snorkeling and introduce him to the underwater world at La Jolla.			I firmly believe in taking care of our oceans and ocean resources. I believe the MLPA process is totally arbitrary and not based on any science. I am a conservationist, but I do not believe in closing areas which are easily accessible by human beings. The ocean critters will be fine. Nature takes care of itself. It's the people I'm worried about. Do not close La Jolla and Pt. Loma from access and use by people.
Carlsbad	050b	Jan Yafis		The thought of closing La Jolla to people makes me sick to my stomach. Thankfully my 15 year old grandson has been able to experience the ocean while areas remain open. If I am fortunate enough to be offered a boat ride, Point Loma is often our destination for fishing and/or freediving and spearfishing. We don't take and pillage the fish. We take only what we need for the table for dinner. I spent most of my recreation discretionary money on fishing and spearfishing in 2008 and 2009 to date. It occurs to me that the economic impact to the City of San Diego (if La Jolla and Point Loma are closed) would be horrific. Closing Del Mar wouldn't have quite the impact as closing La Jolla and Point Loma. Upon review of the maps tonight, I lean toward favoring revised External Proposal A or revised External Proposal B.			
Carlsbad	051	Chris Adams	Vista	The bigger and more of the closures, which happen to be closest to both San Diego harbors, makes all the fishermen travel farther, burning more fuel over the no catch zones. Of all proposed, I would like to see the External Proposal B, sub region 5. All the other proposals are too extreme.	5		

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Carlsbad	052a	Tyler Webb	San Diego	I am a kayak fisherman. I am an environmentalist. Kayak fishing is a low impact on the environment. Kayak fishing is also very vulnerable to many of the closures proposed. I support revised External Proposal A. External Proposal A provides marine reserves to protect our habitat, while still allowing ocean access to all different kinds of anglers of all skill levels. Economic Impact: I own over \$10,000 in fishing and kayak gear, all purchased at local brick and mortar stores. On any given day I use about \$4,500 worth of gear. The Lapis 1 proposal would eliminate my contribution to the local economy. Ocean access and opportunity to fish: La Jolla is a unique place, protected from the elements for kayakers. It is the ONLY open ocean launch in San Diego county for kayak fisherman without significant drawbacks. Closing La Jolla would unfairly close our access to the ocean, while boaters would still have access to some spots.			The process is not public enough. Fisherman will be most affected, and yet many do not know about the MLPA.
Carlsbad	052b	Tyler Webb		In Orange County closures around Dana Point would have a similar effect. In short for kayak fishing access DO NOT EXPAND RESERVES IN LA JOLLA. We lose our equal access.			
Carlsbad	053	Brian Leslie	Encinitas	Is the GIS data shape files from Marine Map available for download or will it become available at some point?			
Carlsbad	054	Don Omsted	Encinitas	So. Coast Ext. B		I am much in favor of their plan surrounding Ca't Island - catch & release of large fish is a recent best idea. Incorporate this plan for more sites.	
Carlsbad	055	Don Omsted	Encinitas	So. Coast Ext. B	Catalina Island	The catch 4 release program is an excellent idea, An excellent idea that is difficult to enforce is not a good reason to eliminate the idea. It is the most up to date way to keep viable populations. Having the rule though difficult to enforce will educate more & more fisherman.	
Carlsbad	056	Don Omsted	Encinitas	☐	Carls bad - Mex Border	100% of all Lagoons must be SMR Opal & Topaz do this	
Carlsbad	057	Luke Noll	Vista	Revised External Proposal B	Southern Channel Islands	I believe that if you extend out the area around the reserve, you will be severely limiting the shore based fishing, which restricts the recreational fisherman from going to Catalina. This will kill the local economy and be an overall deferment to the area.	
Carlsbad	058	Luke Noll	Vista	Lapis 1	Carlsbad/Mex Border	This is destroying all of the viable fishing grounds in the La Jolla area. This is a huge area for fishing. I believe a tighter regulation on fish counts, is better than an elimination of fishing.	

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Carlsbad	059	Shandiz Hedayah	Carlsbad	Revised Proposal B	Subregion 5	Again I like this proposal as it allows the casual fisherman the ability to fish without many restrictions I would even add to this proposal what was decided in Lapis 2 from Ocean Beach South. Additionally, the Laguna (Batiquitos & San Elijo) should be State Marine Reserves	
Carlsbad	060	Shandiz Hedayah	Carlsbad	Opal 2	Subregion 4	I think hybrid of opal 2 & External B	
Carlsbad	061	Shandiz Hedayah	Carlsbad	Revised External B	Subregion 7 SCI	I'm a big fan of this proposal. I would support it even more if we reduced the area for commercial fishing. I think slot limits are a good way of protecting these fish that are successful breeders while allowing recreational fisherman the option to his without restrictions on location	
Carlsbad	062	Jeff Squires	San Diego	Opal/Lapis 2		Del Mar allow surf fishing	
Carlsbad	063	Jeff Squires	San Diego	Lapis 1		I like that Del Mar is not Red	
Carlsbad	064	Jeff Squires	San Diego			Round 2-B- Del Mar Beach area allow beach surf fishing, Catalina - Open more areas to fishing. Round 2-A -Delmar Beach/surf fishing allowed	
Carlsbad	065	Rachel Woodfield	Oceanside	Lapis 1	Subregion 5	-Expand Agua Hedionda to the extent of Topaz -Expand Batiquitos to full lagoon (like External A) -Support designation of Aqua, Batig & San Elijo as SMR -Add Sweetwater Marsh as SMR (like Ext. B)	
Carlsbad	066	Rachel Woodfield	Oceanside	Opal	Subregion 5	-Expand Agua Hedionda to the extent of Topaz -Expand Batiquitos to full lagoon (like External A) -Support designation of Aqua, Batig & San Elijo as SMR -Add Sweetwater Marsh as SMR (like Ext. B)	
Carlsbad	067	Rachel Woodfield	Oceanside	Revised Ext. Prop A	Subregion 5	-Add largest extent of Agua Hedionda as SMR (like Topaz) -I support full extent of Batiquitos be covered as SMR -Add Penasquitos Lagoon as SMR, full extent -Add So. San Diego Bay as SMP (like Lapis 2) -Add Sweetwater Marsh as SMR (like Ext B)	

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Carlsbad	068	Rachel Woodfield	Oceanside	Lapis 2	Subregion 5	-Expand Agua Hedionda SMR to larger area (like Topaz) -Expand SMR to cover all of Batiquitos (like Ext A) -Make Penasquitos Lagoon a SMR -I support So. San Diego Bay designation as SMP Add Sweetwater SMR (like Ext B)	
Carlsbad	069	Rachel Woodfield	Oceanside	Topaz	Subregion 5	-I support all designation & size -Expand Batiquitos SMR to full extent (like Ext. A) -Add Penasquitos SMR on (like Lapis 2) - Change So. San Diego Bay to SMP -Add Sweetwater Marsh at SMR (like Ext. B)	
Carlsbad	070	Rachel Woodfield	Oceanside	External B	Subregion 5	-Expand Agua Hedionda SMR to larger shown in Topaz -Make Batiquitos a SMR covering full extent (like Ext. A) -Make San Elijo SMR, cover full extent -Add Penasquitos in as SMP -Expand So. San Diego Bay SMP to larger extent like Lapis 2	
Carlsbad	071	Rachel Woodfield	Oceanside	Lapis 1 Lapis 2 Topaz Opal External A External B	Subregion 3	Expand Bolsa Chico to include newly created full tidal basin For all proposals - Recommend designating a SMR	
Carlsbad	072	Lynn Davidson	Laguna Beach	Opal X Topaz		Opal does not capture enough coastline, needs to start at top of Irvine Cove and end at Mussel Beach in South LAG, Topaz needs to extend further South to Dana Pt	
Carlsbad	073	Lynn Davidson	Laguna Beach	Lapis 2 x 1		Lapis 2 - Do they understand the DFG guidelines? This will be impossible to enforce. Reserve Laguna borders to border out to 3 miles Lapis 1 - So. Lag SMCA should be a SMR not an SMC out to 3 miles	

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Carlsbad	074	Lynn Davidson	Laguna Beach	External B & A		External B - Do they understand DFG guidelines? This will be impossible to enforce. Reserve laguna border to border three miles out. External A - Laguna SMR does not capture enough coastline border to border abacone Point Norhtern border to Mussel Point in S. Laguna	
Carlsbad	075	Sandy Dildine	Laguna Beach	Opal	Orange County #4	Laguna SMR needs to be bigger, Northern boundary needs to go to Abalone Pt. (N. City boundary) Southern boundary needs to go to at least Aliso Creek or even further top the Mussel Pt (S. city boundary) these boundaries would be rasier to enforce.	
Carlsbad	076	Sandy Dildine	Laguna Beach	Lapis 2	Orange County #4	The Laguna SMR is too small - must go to N. boundary Abalcone Pt. to at least Aliso Creek if not S. boundary of L. B. Ribbon /corridor btumn Lag. SMR & So. Lag Dana SMCA is odd & hard to enforce.	
Carlsbad	077	Sandy Dildine	Laguna Beach	Lapis 1	Orange County #4	Laguna SMR heeds to be bigger - bring it down to S. boundary of Laguna. This captures more habitat & easier enforcement boundaries	
Carlsbad	078	Sandy Dildine	Laguna Beach	Rev Ext A (Round 2)	Orange County #4	The Laguna SMR is too small - needs to go to Abalone Pt. (N. City Boundary) to at least Aliso Creek if not Southern boundary of Laguna. The broken SMCAs to the South (Laguna Coast - breah - Dana Pt - Breah - Dohery) will be a problem for enforcement	
Carlsbad	079	Sandy Dildine	Laguna Beach	Rev Ext B (Round 2)	Orange County #4	The proposal Laguna SMR is way to small. Is this a joke? This does not meet the science guidelines. I don't understand how this proposal could have advanced to the round.	
Carlsbad	080	Sandy Dildine	Laguna Beach	Topaz	Orange County #4	Laguna SMR boundary needs to come South to at least Aliso Creek. The Northern boundary into Crystal Cove State park will not be allowed as far as I understand. State Parks don't want their status changed....	
Carlsbad	081	Jake Bonus	Laguna Beach	Duplicate of C-19 †			
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Carlsbad	083	Jake Bonus	Laguna Beach	Duplicate of C-19 †			
Carlsbad	084	Jake Bonus	Laguna Beach	Duplicate of C-19 †			
Carlsbad	085	Jake Bonus	Laguna Beach	Duplicate of C-19 †			
Carlsbad	086	Jake Bonus	Laguna Beach	Duplicate of C-19 †			
Carlsbad	087	Jake Bonus	Laguna Beach	Duplicate of C-19 †			
Carlsbad	088	Jake Bonus	Laguna Beach	Duplicate of C-19 †			
Carlsbad	089	Rodger Healy	Capo Beach	FIC/FIN Proposal A		As a member of FIC/FIN, I support responsible closures with low Socioeconomic impacts.	
Carlsbad	090	Rodger Healy	Capistrano Beach	Lapis 1 & Topaz	Palos Verdes	Propoed SMR at Palso Verdes Point decimates the Redondo Commerical Lobster Fleet and CPFV Fleet keep in mind Santa Monica Bay is closed to the commercial take of lobster. The Topaz proposal leaves very little productive area for the lobster (commercial) out of Redondo.	
Carlsbad	091	Rodger Healy	Capo Beach	Topaz	Laguna Area	The Laguna SMR proposed by Tjopaz closes the bulk of fishable area in Laguna and South Newport . 35 commercial lobster fishermen between Newport and Dana harbors utilize this area. Other fisheries excluded: Unzchin, Dory Fleet, Squid, Crab, and nearshor FinFish.	
Carlsbad	092	Rodger Healy	Capo Beach	Lapis 2	Point Dune	I support this proposal as it does not close Point Dune on either side.	
Carlsbad	093	Jeff Pert	Don Mea CA	Lapis / Topaz	La Jolla	Area proposed West and North of La Jolla is and has historically been a prime sportfishing area - only the most minimal (prized) closure, ie not much beyond existing closure should be made here (or nothing beyond) (at the cove) I'm a boat owner/captain operatoing out of Mission Bay, that is where I fish along the coastline. My favorite spot if not offshore on blue water. It's a classic, legendary sportfishing location. I'm totally against closure of major La Jolla areas.	

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Carlsbad	094	Jeff Pert	Don Mea CA	Round 2 Lapis 1 + 2	Subregion 5 Penasquitos Lagoon SMR	Penasquitos Lagoon has already been fully cloased to an access even hiking and no canoe/kayak access (nofishing, etc) no cove walks etc. This is already an unacceptable situation. The State "criminalized kayaking and canoeing" HERE. It should be reopned immediately. (Penasquitos Lagoon) FYI - The U.S. Army Co .eps of Engineers is looking into this. If this possibly illegal closure with no public (under U.S. code 33 - Rivers and harbors Act) input requested is any precednt this process is at best highly questionable and at worst already/effectively implimented a full closures were crammed up our rears in this location/instance. I live 150 -200 feet from the river, a navigable waterway, and I see a full closure signs, criminal threat of arrest and citation/punishment under State code all over. Canoe symbol signswith a red slash through them at the end of my street, closed to all available access signs. Is this a sign of things to come with MLPA?	
Carlsbad	095a	Robin Cadis	Carlsbad			External B is the best choice even if there are SMC's added to higher impacted areas if slot limits can be placed on species regulation. As a marine biologist (former) teacher, I understand the need to protect our resources for the future. Closure ares to produce stocks can only do so much. By using slot limits, an area can be open to fish yet still allow our viable fish reproduction by protecting the fish with the highest fecundity. Has there been enough viable evidence to show that the model of SMR works to restore neighboring fishing zones?	
Carlsbad	095b	Robin Cadis				As a sparefisherman, I see that closing major areas like La Jolla and Point Loma would shut down all recreational fishing for individuals like me that must fish from shore. You would be taking away/ punishing those who do not have the access to fish from boats. Fishing should be kept open in these areas to give fisherman the chance to harvest from a diverse area, even if that means higher restrictions must be put on our sport (ie slot limits/lower fish count limits).	

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Carlsbad	096	Robin Cadis	Carlsbad	External B	South channel islands	From the given proposals, I do like the idea of external B proposal because it provides fishermen the chance to fish much at these areas but the slot limits allow for fish with higher fecundity to have the chance to reproduce. My background is marine biology, so I support protection at some areas but as a spearfisherman, I think we need to opportunity to fish some of these areas to target specific species. By keeping a wider area open to fish, it relieves pressure on certain hot spots around the island. Otherwise the the fewer open areas will have quite a bit of fishing pressure creation less active zones which cannot be rebuilt/restocked solely by the overflow model of marine reserves.	
Carlsbad	097	Scott Bull	Oceanside	Opal		I am on with the Opal draft for La Jolla, but I think the SMR of Del Mar should be reduced in size. I spend a lot of my time shearfishing in Del Mar.	
Carlsbad	098	Scott Bull	Oceanside	Revised External Proposal B		Please don't put revisal external proposal B, this would make shorefishing pointless and would destroy the economy of Catalina Island.	
Carlsbad	099	Scott Bull	Oceanside	Revised External Proposal B		I support this plan the most, but I think Del Mars take should be reduced, I spend a lot of my time in Del Mar diving and I think fishing helps the economy of Del Mar substantially what they did wish C9JC119 reasonable for this propostion if you don't have a boat you will have no reasonable to Del Mar.	
Carlsbad	100	Tommy Gomez	Oceanside	Revised External Proposal A		Please leave open all areas in front of campgroundsw around Catalina. If you don't own a boat, you won't camp, you won't spend the money to go to Catalina, thus hurting an already bad economy. Thanks	
Carlsbad	101	Tommy Gomez	Oceanside	I support revised External Proposal B		I also support closing all Lagoons along San Diego Coast to keep more coastline open for fishing & spearfishing	
Carlsbad	102	Ryan Sweeney	San Diego		Subregion 4	I feel horrible for any angler in the Orange County area. Laguna Beach area closures completely kill every fishing spot for shore based anglers. Proposal B is the least harmful but this is still a massacre	

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Carlsbad	103	Ryan Sweeney	San Diego		Subregion 3	External Prop B is by far the best solution! Shore based anglers will be put in danger intermingling the water or will have no access points to decent fishing grounds w/any other proposal.	
Carlsbad	104	Ryan Sweeney	San Diego	External Proposal B	Subregion 5	I suggest using the La Jolla SMCA from External Proposal B along with the Point Loma SMCA from Lapis 2 draft because the La Jolla shores launch ramp is essential to shore based anglers & sunset cliffs as well	
Carlsbad	105	Ryan Sweeney	San Diego		Subregion 7	Please refrain from closing fishing grounds near the Catalina camping locations. Anyone that doesn't own a boat will not be able to fish or spearfish & there will be no reason to camp at these locations. Or go at all especially two harbors! Catalina is a sustainable treasure to social. Please Please Please do not kill this fishing heritage!!!	
Carlsbad	106	Jennifer Barnes	San Diego	Lapis 1 & 2	Tijuana Estuary (SMP)	I didn't even realize that this area had Sea Turtles and I feel that it should be protected so that others have the opportunity to observe and learn about them.	
Carlsbad	107	Jennifer Barnes	San Diego			There is absolutely no reason to preserve this area that has no real diversity simply because the need to preserve an area. A more suitable area would be one similar to La Jolla cove that consists of seagrass, rocks, & kelp as well as various species of fish and other sea life	
Carlsbad	108	Cheryl Barnes	San Diego	Opal & Topaz & Lapis 2	Del Mar SMR	I have never heard of a single person who dives in Del Mar & see no need to place an MPA in the area MPA's should be set in areas high in biodiversity & rich habitat structure (not sand pits)! SMR's should benefit non-consumptive users as well as provide spill-over for everyone else.	
Carlsbad	109	Cheryl Barnes	San Diego	Lapis 1 & 2	Tijuana Estuary (proposed SMP)	This area, having the highest concentration of eelgrass in the county, provides much needed habitat for a wide variety of organisms (not to mention a great source of food for more charismatic creatures like the green sea turtle) Many people do not even realize its importance & it should definitely be protected so that others may learn about I enjoy it in the future!	

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Carlsbad	110	Cheryl Barnes	San Diego	Lapis 1	Swamis - San Elijo SMCA	Swamis incorporates both shallow & deep water habitats as well as a great source of surf grass, making it a prime place to protect. Protecting this area would also make the area much safer for the many surfers who frequent the area. I would serve a greater purpose than the Del Mar SMR.	
Carlsbad	111	Cheryl Barnes	San Diego	Lapis 1	La Jolla 2 SMR	La Jolla is an area rich in biodiversity & habitat heterogeneity & deserves some consideration. The Lapis 1 proposal is the only one that seems to do the area any justice, the public (fishers, snorkelers, kayakers & divers) would greatly benefit from the SMR!	
Carlsbad	112	Shawn Patterson	San Diego	Lapis 1	Subregion 5	I'm against closing La Jolla. It's one of the few safe launch areas for kayak/beach spearfishing. We spearfishermen are selective and low impact fishermen. Besides La Jolla and Pt. Loma/ OB is the birthplace of spear fishing. People have been spearing since 20's & 30's	
Carlsbad	113	Shawn Patterson	San Diego	Lapis 2	5	As a spearfisherman I am for conservation. I work on San Diego Bay and commonly see many fishermen. Spearfishermen 9 times out of 10 come back empty handed. We go for the few prize fish and leave those borderline or barely legal fish alone. I'm against blind taking of everything possible.	
Carlsbad	114	Nathan Jorin	San Diego	Duplicate of C-3 †			
Carlsbad	115	Nathan Jorin	San Diego	Duplicate of C-3 †			
Carlsbad	116	Kristy Schaubel	Encinitas	Opal Draft MPA Proposal	subregion 5	There are too many smaller areas. Tijuana is closed off which is a negative, because it is a hot fishing spot.	
Carlsbad	117	Kristy Schaubel	Encinitas	Revised External Proposal B	5	I like that there are fewer larger areas set aside rather than several smaller areas.	
Carlsbad	118	Brian Steeves	San Diego	Revised External Proposal A	7	I am against any closures at Catalina where camp grounds are nearby such as Blue Cavern SMR and Cat Harbor SMCA.	
Carlsbad	119	Brian Steeves	San Diego	External Proposal B	5	I suggest using the La Jolla SMCA from External Prop B and Pt. Loma SMCA from Lapis 2. I prefer using Del Mar and Imperial Beach for MLPA closures. Any closures in La Jolla or Pt. Loma would cause me to not be able to fish in San Diego where I live.	
Carlsbad	120	Manrizio Mangini	Carlsbad	all Proposals		Where can I obtain a copy of the raw data used in making the proposals? In the alternative, where can I inspect all the proposals were based? Also I am seeking a copy of the procedures used for raw data collection at all proposal sites.	

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Carlsbad	121	Juan Sosa	West Covina	A&B	5	These maps take into account the safety human powered recreational fishermen need. They allow us recreational fishermen to safely launch and land, while keeping us close to shore, an important factor for us human powered recreational fishermen.	
Carlsbad	122	Joshua Pruitt	San Diego	revised External Proposal A		I'm going to give the science team and all involved the benefit of the doubt in that logic will prevail and a MPA will be placed in Del Mar in trade for La Jolla. It would be a win win with the most cross interests as opposed to killing the entire kayak community with one big blow, not to mention erasing everything I've worked for in the last 10 years.	
Carlsbad	123	Shannon Bryant	Encinitas			I recommend coordination with SANDAG for upcoming/proposed next round of sand replenishment and request identification of likely receiver sites and harvest sites under consideration.	
Carlsbad	124	Heather Bensen	Carlsbad	Lapis 1	La Jolla shores	La Jolla (L.J. shores for launching) provides a SAFE area for fishermen/women to enjoy recreational fishing. If La Jolla must have a "no take" zone moving it SOUTH to Windansea would benefit the marine life as well as keep conservation minded fishing available for economic reasons. the human right to provide healthy food for family. Please keep La Jolla OPEN!!	
Carlsbad	125	Wesley Marx	Carlsbad	Lapis 1	Carlsbad/Mex Border	The designated areas for SWOM's at La Jolla are far superior in terms of size and richness of habitat than other proposals. Allowing Camp Pendleton to opt out seriously undermines the network goal. More consideration should be given to a designated area - kelp, rocky reef - off Carlsbad - Oceanside and San Clemente.	
Carlsbad	126	Martin Harding	Encinitas	Revised External Proposal A		I have taken my son out on the water since he was a mere baby on boats and we started kayaking together when he was 3 years old. At 6 years old he got his own kayak. Now at 9 years, there are not many safe beaches for us to launch together, the main exception being La Jolla Shores - surf friendly, a safe place for kids to launch and enjoy and respect the beauty of our ocean.	
Carlsbad	127	Clay Harding	Encinitas	External Proposal A		Please keep La Jolla open. It is a safe place to kayak from and there is already a reserve there so you have to paddle past it to fish. Why do you want to put another one there?	
Carlsbad	128	William Hamilton	Oceanside	Lapis 1	La Jolla 2 SMR	This is where I fish most on the California coast. Fish is still abundant and it should not be closed.	

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Carlsbad	129	Lee Wood	Oceanside	External Proposal B		I believe Proposal B is in the best interest of all concerned. It takes into account the recreational fishing for both fishermen and it will have less impact on those business communities and those dependednt on making a living in the fishing community.	
Carlsbad	130	Don Barth	Cardiff/Encinitas	Lapis 1	Swamis - San Elijo & Lagoons	Support.	
Carlsbad	131	Teresa Barth	Cardiff/Encinitas	Lapis 1	Swamis - San Elijo & Lagoons	Support.	
Carlsbad	132	Keith Greer	San Diego Association of Governments			SANDAG as the regional planning agency promotes the idea of conservation. We also support the maintentance to restoration of coastal lagoon, and the nourishment of beaches. Regardless of six alternatives written language needs to be included in all of designations that dredging for restoration to promote lagoon health and maintenance, and dredging of offshore sand resources for being nourishment must be allowed. Without this language explicitly included in the MLPA alternative we risk losing the ability to protect and enhance our beaches and lagoons.	
Carlsbad	133	Patrick Moench	San Diego	Lapis 1	La Jolla 2	As a kayak fisherman, I would lose the vast majority of my fishing grounds if this proposal is accepted. Please consider the huge impact that this will have on my sport. Thank you.	
Carlsbad	134	Bill Hamilton	Oceanside	External Proposal B	Catalina Island	Slot limits are too difficult to enforce when traveling through. Best areas are virtually closed, no good!	
Carlsbad	135	Erin Gilmore	Oceanside	External Proposal B		Please do not pass revised External Proposal B. It would make shore fishing on Catalina pointless and ruin the economy of Catalina Island.	
Carlsbad	136	Suzanne Predney	Redondo Beach	Lapis 1		Lapis 1 will kill and demolish the sport fishing fleet. Jobs will be lost and forclosures of homes will result.	
Carlsbad	137	Elbie Bartolome	Encinitas	Round 2 - Revised External Proposal A		Please don't close down La Jolla. As an avid kayak fisherman for 15 years this place is ideal for kayak fishing. It has an accessible sand boat launch and the waves/swells are generally smaller here. It is close to home (Encinitas). The majority of the fish I catch is "catch and release". I have made many friendships while fishing in La Jolla. La Jolla is idea for kayak fishing because the winds are calm in the morning which is ideal , but later in the afternoon it picks up so I'm only there (and so are the majority of kayak fishermen) before noon.	

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Carlsbad	138	Nathan Clookie	Carlsbad	External Proposal B		As a small business owner (dive and kayak sales), I support External Proposal B as the most reasonable proposal. Any other proposal would severely impact my business. La Jolla must remain accessible in order for my business to survive. With the economy the way it is, I will go out of business and so will my 3 employees. Thank you for your time.	
Carlsbad	139	Mary Davidson	Laguna	All Arrays		Laguna SMR needs to be larger. Boarders from Abalone Point in Irvine Cove (N. Laguna) to Mussel Point in Three Arch Bay (S. Laguna) all the way out to 3 miles. Captures significant habitat and allow simpler education and enforcement.	
Carlsbad	140	Tony Ritter	Vista			I'm very concerned about the proposal for Agua Hedionda Lagoon. This is the only area I'm able to take my 5 year old girl out on my kayak. I feel the lagoon should be left alone. It is in great shape. The only area that should be patrolled by DFG is West of I-5.	
Carlsbad	141	Jeff Morasse	Vista	Revised 2 External Proposal B		Help to rebuild the stock, not closing certain areas help my access. Help support businesses that area part of this ocean (such as manufacturers of marine based products). We do not need more unemployed people in California.	
Carlsbad	142	Peter Thermos	Oceanside	All proposals	Coal Oil Point SMR, Helo SMR	Coal Oil Point has a very healthy lobster population that is sustainable, all proposals have this as a "no take" should be moved to a "Conservation Area" (SMCA).	
Carlsbad	143	Dan McCoy	Encinitas	Lapis 1	La Jolla, Carlsbad-Mexican Border	Lapis 1 concerns me based on the boundaries encompassing the entire kelp forest in La Jolla. I believe the current ASBS/SMR areas in La Jolla are adequate to preserve marine resources. As a diver and kayak fisherman, as well as a marine biologist, I feel that creating a no take zone around the most popular local fishing area would be a grave error. MPA boundaries around kelp in Cardiff, Carlsbad, or Del Mar would be preferable to La Jolla. La Jolla is the only area which has easy access from which to launch a kayak loaded with fishing equipment. Please don't close the La Jolla kelp beds to recreational fishing.	
Carlsbad	144	Steve Roberts	Oceanside	External Proposal A		I feel External A is very fair to both fisherman and the general public. Also A is a fair "deal" for ALL involved.	
Carlsbad	145	Leslea Meyerhoff	Solana Beach			All of the conservation areas, parks and reserves should include the following language in the "take" regulations: "Allowances for sand removal and placement on regional beaches as part of an ongoing and future beach restoration activities"	

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Carlsbad	146	Alberto Silebi	San Diego	External Proposal B	south coast	I support External Proposal B. It is the best alternative with the least economic, heritage, and access impact to our community.	
Carlsbad	147	Eli Bensen	Carlsbad	Lapis 1		Move the La Jolla MPA south 2 miles. From Eli Bensen (age 6)	
Carlsbad	148	Wayne Wilcoxon	Carlsbad			I can't comment too specifically on each proposal, but Lapis 1 seems to me to be the hardest for me to live with. La Jolla has been fished for decades if not centuries, and it seems to me to still be a viable fishery with health fish populations. More people now than ever practice catch & release. I believe it is working. Please don't penalize people who enjoy L Jolla by closing it. It would change my lifestyle for the worse.	
Carlsbad	149	Don Lang	San Diego	Revised External Proposal A	La Jolla	I believe the existing MPA at La Jolla is something I have lived with and it does a good job of protecting the area. I am a kayak fisherman who cannot fish standing and the kayak allows me to enjoy fishing as a means for catching what I eat and vital physical exercise. Closing access would mean 100% of my economic contribution will end. Please leave La Jolla open.	
Carlsbad	150	Volker Hoehne	Del Mar	External Proposal A			
Carlsbad	151	Tom Keough	San Diego			I urge Proposal O.	
Carlsbad	152	William Vitale	San Diego	External Proposal A	La Jolla shores	I support External Proposal A specifically because it does not close La Jolla Shores where there is a public boat launch and shelter from swell activity. This is the only safe launch site for kayak fisherman.	
Carlsbad	153	Kiyo Sato	Gardena	External Proposal A&B	5	These maps show the most consideration to kayakers and spearfishermen. It allows conservation type fishing without endangering the lives of people. It does not force people to fish further away.	
Carlsbad	154	Rosey Sawai	Torrance	External Proposal A & B	5	These maps show the most consideration to kayakers and spearfishermen. It allows conservation type fishing without endangering the lives of people. It does not force people to fish further away.	
Carlsbad	155	Ian Vatis	San Diego	Revised External Proposal A & B		Upon reviewing the maps, I favor revised external Proposals A & B which appear to leave (for the most part) Point Loma and La Jolla open for people to enjoy the ocean. While I hate to see any area closed, if an area must be closed, Del Mar is a more logical closure.	

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Carlsbad	156	Chris Adams	Vista	Revised External Proposal B	5	This is the most we should close and still allow some fishing in the kelp zone. There is not that much fish taken in this region on a regular basis. The fishing populations have stayed stable for over 15 years. The proposed no take, reserve, and parks need to be streamlined or condensed. All the rules seem confusing and unnecessary. How can DFG police all these rules?	
Carlsbad	157	Tyler Webb	San Diego	Lapis 1	La Jolla 2 SMR	I am a kayak fisherman. This La Jolla 2 SMR would eliminate all my access to the La Jolla kelp. There are no other kayak accessible kelp beds in San Diego County without serious drawbacks to accessibility. La Jolla provides kayakers of all skill levels equal opportunity access to the ocean. Closing it is not an option. The La Jolla 2 SMR on Lapis 1 would only leave a fraction of the fishing grounds available, and most would be sand bottom and canyon. Not the kelp beds we need to continue to practice our sport.	
San Diego	158	Tom Reeve	San Diego	Do you really plan to arrest kids who visit a beach in Del Mar or Pt. Loma and touch a crab or take a shell home? I think the "no take" regime is too strict for beaches and near shore areas. Especially in Del Mar and Pt. Loma. I also don't think the occasional surf fisher has an impact on fish or habitat. Most are catch and release, although a few keep fish and even C&R has some mortalities. Why not stop the "no take" zones 100 yards from the beach?			
San Diego	159	Tom Reeve	San Diego	When my inland relatives (Oklahoma, New Hampshire, and Connecticut) visit, I often take them for a 1/2 day fishing trip to La Jolla or Pt. Loma. They see sea lions, pelicans, gulls and may or may not catch 1 or 3 fish for the group. This is a splendid experience for my neices and nephews. Too many of the "no take" proposals would shut down this opportunity. Additionally, there are seasonal variations that are not accommodated in the "no take proposals". Please permit me to take guests and introduce them to marine life, and recreational fishing in the La Jolla and Pt. Loma kelp beds.			
San Diego	160	Tom Reeve	San Diego	I am amazed that this process is moving forward with total disregard for future costs or future funding sources. I don't think the Packard Trust will pay for any future claimed science review. We will be stuck. I don't think the private trusts will pay for wardens, etc. So, good people will obey and be deprived and poachers will prosper. (California once again puts form over substance). Why not select reserves only to the extent they can be protected/reviewed and evaluated. Then, as information is gathered more or less funding and more or less reserves can be sought. It is amazingly irresponsible to implement a statewide program that is only one third funded (process, not review and not wardens). R&G can and is not control sustainable resources without statewide permanent "no take" zones.			

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San Diego	161	Tom Reeve	San Diego	As a life long recreational fisher and life long conservationist I am embarrassed at this process. Too many of the stakeholders have done nothing and paid nothing to support fish or wildlife. The Department of Fish & Game is funded with my license fees. I thought the State Constitution permitted fishing and use of resources. but the default position of the process seems to be exclusion, not sustainable use. If the people of California can't use a resource (recreational fishing) they should not and will not support taxation for that excluded resource. We need fewer "no takes" and more "take some" areas if you want taxpayer support.			
San Diego	162a	Mat Kim	San Diego	Having grown up in Hawaii I have a natural affinity for the ocean and all activities it supports, however my passion is the sport of fishing. I was introduced to the sport by my father; it was one of the few activities we shared together and served to help build a bond between us. Since that time I have looked forward to the day that I am able to share those experiences with my own family. However some of the current proposals put that at risk. As a kayak angler I am limited to a select few areas such as La Jolla & Pt. Loma that offer protected beach launch access. Closing these two areas in particular greatly increases the danger & risk of harm. In addition in the midst of a budget crisis closures of these areas puts revenue to the state at risk. I have gone through the last 12 months of bank statements and have conservatively calculated over \$10 thousand dollars in purchases including tackle, gas, food and equipment.			
San Diego	162b	Mat Kim		If these areas are closed the majority of these expenses go away. as such I would like to voice my support for the Revised External Proposal A.			
San Diego	163	Mark Bucon	La Jolla	I oppose Lapis 1 because I live two blocks from the water in La Jolla. I fish and dive the reefs by boat and kayak. As the years go by my cholesterol goes up. The doctor tells me to eat fish two to three times a week; which I do. If you do not allow me to catch fish and feed myself and my family of five my health will be adversely compromised because I will not buy fish. Lapis 1 will force me to eat oatmeal for dinner as well as breakfast. I will accept with serious regrets Proposal A if you will not allow commercial lobster fishing in La Jolla. Commercial lobster fishing is bad for the environment because traps pushed by kelp caught on the buoys drag across the reefs and destroy the vegetation. Adverse water quality created by lack of street sweeping is the single largest issue facing fish resources.			
San Diego	164a	Kris Celario	San Diego	As a resident of San Diego I find the Lapis 1 proposal to be unacceptable. I live and work in San Diego and enjoy living close to the water. I do not fish. I think the Lapis 1 proposal is blatantly unfair. It allows access to the ocean to some groups at the expense of others. I do not see why certain groups such as kayak fisherman and shore based spear fisherman should face unfair closures while rich fisherman with boats can still reach so many good places to fish. the ocean is a unique resource in Southern California that should be shared and protected for use by and for many different user groups. I feel that the Lapis 1 proposal does not do this. Even though I don't fish, I understand that San Diego is a tourist destination.			

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San Diego	164b	Kris Celario		A big part of this is fishing boats that take tourists fishing. The economic impact of Lapis proposal 1 must be devastating to the many fishing boats in San Diego. Those boats are a tourist draw, and the main reason some people visit San Diego. Also from what I understand about the process, the only thing the MLPA is doing is banning fishing and take of fish from certain areas. Why is there no component of the MLPA that attempts to manage the fishery better through limits? If fisherman were no longer allowed to keep smaller fish, and allowed to keep less fish it would help more than wholesale closures. Since the banning of destructive commercial fishing methods I have read ban fishing in aeas that are recovering?			
San Diego	164c	Kris Celario		There is also no part of the MLPA that deals specifically with water quality. Urban runoff and sewage are a huge factor in the health of the waters near shore. Just this week there was a 13,000 gallong sewage spill reported in Dog Beach area at the San Diego river outle. Closing fishing access to that, or any area, would not magically make the water cleaner for swimminers, surfers, and fisherman. I know fisherman would benefit from a clean and healthy ocean with abundant fish more than any other user group. I feel this whole MLPA implementation is being done at fishermen's expense in a blatantly unfair and biased way. Recreational fishermen are getting unfair blame for ocean woes. Banning all fishing within 3 miles of shore in reserves will not suddenly make the ocean to spring to life with abundant fish and clear blue water.			
San Diego	164d	Kris Celario		Instead we have to look at the progress that has been made by banning gill nets within 3 miles of shore, and commercial long lining and recognize that we are making progress without limited this opportunities of the recreational fishermen. As my final conclusion, the more I learn about the MLPA process as a concerned san Diego resident I feel the MLPA is about limiting access to the ocean, ot about actually protecting it in ways that would be meaningful and beneficial. To truly protect the ocean I feel that more should be done to prevent urban runoff , farm runoff, and sewage spills. I also feel that if needed, fishing limits could be changes instead of banning fishing in certain areas. I therefore support External Proposal A, which gives the public broader access to the waters that belong to us all.			
San Diego	165	Bud Stevens	San Diego	External Proposal B - I would vote for. This draft allows areas to be closed that can assist in supporting areas for commercial, sport, private endeavors. The negative impact for othe proposals I see sportfishing industry drop, tricle down to other companies in marine industry, fuel docks, kayak, lobster, restaurants, hotels, boat sales, boat maintenance. This impact is not just local, state but nationwide impact in a negative way. Has anyone done a "business case" marine side, financial or is this _____ of input to be compiled into the most desirable and is this going to a vote - local, state, federal			

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San Diego	166	Ben Valentine	San Diego	I appreciate what the MLPA stands for, and I am myself (or consider myself to be) a conservationist. I am involved with a local community wildlife rescue agency. I was raised with a certain reverence for wildlife that has stuck with me to this day. part of that reverence I'm sure is a result of growing up fishign the local San Diego waterways. Growing up this way has given me a huge respect for nature. A respect my friends ad acquaintances whom didnt' grow up in this way, clearly do not have. With that said, I believe closing such fine recreational fishing and diving areas as Pt. Loma and La Jolla kelp forrests would do far more harm than good especially in th long run. I believe it would result ina further deadening of the public sensitivities to nature.			
San Diego	167	Bernie Parmer	Santee	Opal - too restrictive, way too much red. Lapis 1 - again too restrictive around La Jolla for kayaker especially. External B - better! Still somewhat closed around Del Mar and Ocean Beach. Lapis 2 - closures are right where most of the access points are. External A - Where are the blue "SMCA's"? Overall - way too much "red" why can't we have more balance to "blue" so we can at least catch and release, follow catch & size limit?			
San Diego	168	Bernie Parmer	Santee				The process of MLPA is largely unfair to fishermen. The financing and rules are being bent to favor conservationists. Map C was voted out, it should stay out. Proposed closures based on "science" where the science is flawed or wrong. As a kayak and shore fisherman, I need access to bays, harbor and inshore kelp near safe launch areas such as La Jolla, Cardiff, Solana Beach, and Carlsbad. These areas have parking, safe beaches to launch and restrooms, to close these areas will basically close the whole ocean to us. Too many of the proposed maps eliminate 100%of recreational activity, and do not serve cross interest.
San Diego	169	Levi Shouse	Bay Park	I would like to see Round 2 Lapis 2 draft to be the plan used. I agree with smaller limits and slot sizes as I release 95% of what I catch as is. Complete closures are not fair to us that grew up here and have kids that will grow up here. Fishing is the one thign that kept me busy as a kid so I didn't get involved with the wrong crowd and kept me off drugs. I really hope our children have the chance to experience the local fishing the way we did leading them in the correct direction in life and off the streets.			

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San Diego	170	Duane Mellor	San Diego	As an avid conservative fisherman, I am in big favor of "Round 2 - Lapis 2 Draft MPA Proposal" due to the fact that inserts a conservation (blue area) at Pt. Loma and saves a lot of the fishing area in La Jolla. Furthermore it institutes a "proposed state marine reserve" in the Del Mar area which is wonderful due to its low pressure already. Regardless I strive for a beautiful clean and lively ocean as well and hope we can all work together to achieve that.			
San Diego	171	Jan Miller	San Diego	I'm against your proposed sites in La Jolla and Del Mar, the residents of these communities love and enjoy the ocean and all the wonderful activities beaches offer. Animals and humans can both enjoy these areas and God placed us in control of animals, not the other way around.			
San Diego	172a	Patricia Vitale	San Diego	I support Revised External Proposal A because it does not close La Jolla Shores area with a MPA which will allow fishing access to kayak fisherman and spearfishmen. I do not support Lapis 1 because of the extreme closures and lack of cross interest to fishermen. I do not support Opan draft because of its extreme closures that will block 100% of local kayak fishermen and spear fishermen, and surf fishermen. I do not support Topaz draft becaue of its closures in areas accessile to kayak fishermen and spear fishermen. I do not support Lapis 2 proposal because of the large MPA off Ocean Beach. I support Revised External B proposal as it allows access to fishing areas frequented by kayak fishermen. I do not support the MPA at La Jolla Shores in Lapis 1 draft proposal. It blocks 100% of kayak fishing and spearfishing as well as surf fishing. It is an extreme proposal with no consideration given to the above mentioned people.			I do not support the conflict of interest that are currently being investigated. No member of the BTRF that has accepted any money in any way from the Packard Foundation should be allowed to participate in the MLPA process Ken Wiseman's explanation about the Proposal C map was unacceptable. The vote was as clear as the instruction given to the RSG members.
San Diego	172b	Patricia Vitale		There is no cross interest reflected in the MPA and there would be a devastating loss to suffer if La Jolla Shores area was closed by all local fishermen.			
San Diego	173	William DeAngelo	San Diego	I support Revised External Proposal A because it allows finishing access to kayak fishermen at La Jolla Shores. I do not suport Lapis 1 draft proposal. I do not support Lapis 2 draft proposal. I do not support Opal draft proposal. I do not support Topaz draft proposal. I do support Revised External B proposal because it allows fishing access to kayak fishermen.			
San Diego	174	Peter Thompson	San Diego	Lapis 1 - too restrictive. La Jolla 2 SMR is inappropriate. I vote no on Lapis 1. Opal - why the Ocean Beach SMCA? Difficult to locate and police vs. the Sunset Cliffs SMR. Topaz - Same comment as for Opal. User's won't know where they are. If the area must be protected one larger SMCA or SMR would be better. Lapis 2 - Pt. Loma SMCA makes more sense than other proposals for the area.			

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San Diego	175a	Peter Doherty	Leucadia	I kayak fish. I need safe access to shore launch to the fishing grounds. I fish in La Jolla and Encinitas (Swami's). Please don't close down my access to kayak fishing. I support External proposals A & B they set aside conservation zones Del Mar and ocean Beach which meet the requirements of the MLPA. they leave open La Jolla and Encinitas so that the kayak fisherman have safe access to enjoy their outdoor sport. I do not support the other proposals. I especially do not support Lapis 1 as it is excessive in its closures and would have a draconian effect on us local sport fisherman and especially local fishing economy. I am an environmentalist and a fisherman.			
San Diego	175b	Peter Doherty		I fish in a non polluting manner (kayak i.e. no fossil fuels). take only occassionally what I will eat and no more. I respect the ocean and the fishing resource. I want to help the process by supporting proposals A & B. Please support the environment by voting for A & B and allowing me to continue to feed myself by kayak fishing.			
San Diego	176	Gabriela Halper	San Diego				I strongly support the Marine Life Protective Act Initiative. Sadly, today, because of the current environmental downfall that has struck our country, the well being of marine life is being ignored. Fish are repeatedly being poisoned, oil spills have threatened their ability to migrate freely in the ocean, and much much more. Support the MLPA!
San Diego	177	Brandon Everett	San Diego	I like the idea of leaving this alone. The problems with the oceans is pollution runoff and over fishing in mexican waters. If the DFG would adjust the rules it would be much cheaper. We are in a depression. I would say have slot limits and reduce the number of fish one could keep per day/season. With that said Lapis 1 is going to make a huge impact on my life. I fish La Jolla about 10-15 times per year. I caught 1 yellow tail and about 10 bass last year. I release all bass. Hell of an impact! I go fishing to not stress out about my mortgage, property taxes (\$6,300 last year) and all the bells of life. So you want to take my tax money and kick me out of my only release? Thanks. Why don't we give it some time, balance the budget, cut the fat (MLPA). I believe the state should put money in schooling, healthcare, and roads. Why is this even on the block now?		Lapis 2 - that is another joke. Let's see real science data! I can't even pier fish I.B. with that one. Come on. Not that I would keep a single fish from there. Mexico pollutes the ocean so bad I would not eat I even for the money, but again relax and fish = less stress. Opal and Topaz also are a major closure problem. Let's spend some \$ and get more game wardens out there. The rules that are in place are not enforced enough. If you create rules how the hell are the limited DFG going to police that. All in all I like proposal B minus the Catalina Island (SMCA). Shrink that a little and I wouldn't mind so much that my hard earned tax dollars are being wasted on non backed (science) closures.	I hate it! We (California) can't afford it now. Let's slow down pollution and runoff and I bet you will see much more change than this bull.
San Diego	178	Tom Buckalew	San Diego	I am against closures and for enhancement and protection of our marine habitat. I understand that you have to do what you have to do, but please limit the closures to as little as possible. I am against Lapis 2 and more in favor of External Proposal B. I fish from a boat and a kayak and became dive certified last November. The ocean is a wonderful place and should be protected but not closed down.			
San Diego	179	Anonymous		Try better with map street name where coast bound start and stop			

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San Diego	180a	Kurt Schinder	San Diego	My name is Kurt Schindler. I am an environmentalist. I am a conservationist. I am a kayak fisherman. These things are not mutually exclusive. Kayak fishing has a very low impact on the environment. No motors. Quiet. The marine life I have seen while fishing from my kayak is staggering. I've had a gray whale swim under me. A juvenile sea lion has jumped on my kayak was quite content to let me do the paddling for a good 5 minutes. Dolphins and porpoises turn on their side to curiously look at me as they pass under and around me. mako sharks have cruised around me and taken an experimental bite from my bait tube.			This entire process is flawed, please read comments!
San Diego	180b	Kurt Schinder		I am a part of the environment, not seperate. I love the ocean, and anyone who says fisherman don't care for the environment, well shame on them. I love to fish. I do take fish to eat. Ithink it's is more environmentally responsible than buying food that is processed and trucked across the country. Healthier too. I also catch and release fish. On a kayak, I am the captain and can pick the species I want to target. There is no guarantee that you'll only catch what you target, but you have a better shot than going on a party boat.			
San Diego	180c	Kurt Schinder		One of the few drabacks at kayak fishing the ocean is launching and landing through the surg. Once the surf gets above two feet high this becomes tricky at best, and dangerous at worst. That is why kayakers need for La Jolla to stay open to fishing. The launch at La Jolla shores is sheltered and the waves are smaller than anywhere else on the coast in San Diego County. A few years ago I launched at a different spot. when I went out, the waves were decent sized, but manageable. A few hours later when I came in they had increased in size substantially. I was dumped by a 6 foot wave roughly 100 yards from shore. With the current pulling me away from shore, it took me an hour and the help of a free deiver to swim my kayak in through the surf zone.			
San Diego	180d	Kurt Schinder		Without the free divers assistance, I might not hve been able to get my kayak in and would have lost all my gear. If I hadn't been wearing my life jacket, or had been knocked unconcious when the wave dumped me, I might have lost my life. The ocean is unforgiving, which is why we need as safe a spot as possible, like La Jolla to stay open to fishing. Our of all the proposals, only one Lapis 1, would close La Jolla to fishing. This would destroy kayak fishing in San Diego. It would take away 95% of my fishing. I would prefer to see no closurers and have stricter take and slot limits. But I look at the other proposals and can live with them. Just not Lapis 1.			

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San Diego	181a	Alberto Silebi	San Diego	I am a lifelong consumptive ocean user. My family values the memories, recreation and nutrition that are provided by our oceans. The loss of utilization of areas off our coast in particular La Jolla and Pt. Loma would be catastrophic to our family. It is a gross ethical injustice on behalf of the State of California to impose on its citizens the will of privately funded group of lobbyists. The economic and scientific base for the entire MLPA process is fould and unsounded at best. Is the State of California being run by lobbyists. Not only is the process erroneous but the aftermath will be an economic disaster for the state. Not only do we not as a state have the friends to enforce and monitor the outcome, but the loss of influx into the economy will be widespread beyond incignation. Please note also that every official with knowledge and will enough to speak out here have been silenced by groups that have historically been the landmark of political disaster.			This entire process is flawed, please read comments!
San Diego	181b	Alberto Silebi		I urge the legislature of the State of California to cease and desist this process that was spawned out of legislation that has nothing or little to do with their current intent. California shame on you!			
San Diego	182	Tara O'Connor	San Diego	External proposal A or B provides the least impact socioeconomically. Access is a hugh issues and safty. As an alternative, close down Del Mar which would provide minimal impact and leave La Jolla open! Kayakers, divers, and recreational divers need La Jolla Shores for access. Spear fishing was born in La Jolla and their is a culture from early forefathers like Jack Prodonovich with the bottom scratchers. We need to preserve this as well in addition to minimal socioeconomic impact and which can be detrimental to marina businesses, charter boats, fish and tackle shops, out of state tourists who really would like to see kelp forrests and fish. Business owners need to thrive on the fishing industry and as a result the majority respect and follow ocean rules and guidelines as their bueinss counts and relies on fish. Fishing management is huge and I believe with fishing management resources can be maintained.			Please leave La Jolla and Pt. Loma open and as an alternative consider Del Mar instead.
San Diego	183a	John Firebaugh	San Diego	Revised external proposal A - aka "fin" map. Or Revised external proposal B. Proposal B is the most acceptable proposal with the least detriment to my activity and lifestyle. Closing La Jolla or restricting it further will affect the quality of my life negatively. Freedive spearfishing , lobster diving and hook and line fishing is my only hobby, and a way of life fo the last 40 years. Diving is a way of life encouraging health lifestyle and the most selective hunting (spearfishing) with no by catch. I work six days a week in healthcare and my one day off a week is spent like religious activity enjoying the ocean primarily in the La Jolla area. Freedive spearfishermen are stewards of the resource, and ecologically responsible.			

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San Diego	183b	John Firebaugh		My activities also support the local economy. 2009- Boat Depot San Diego, new 4 stroke outboard motor \$7,000, Archstone Apartments Corporation \$100/mo for boat storage (\$1,200.00), West Marine - yearly \$500.00, James and Joseph Chandlery, spearfishing gear \$500, Riffe International - wet suit \$500, Horizon Charters San Diego, dive charter to Mexico \$2,500, fuel x 40 trips diving per year \$1,200, food x 40 trips diving per year \$800. This is what I spend yearly to support local merchants by virtue of my diving activities.			
San Diego	184	Joseph Beckersly	San Diego	After talking with the group I support External Proposal B. It best protects our resources while still allowing recreational use. I'm not thrilled with closures of Sunset Cliffs in San Diego although I can live with it. I agree closures in Del Mar will have less economic impact than closures in La Jolla. I believe Catalina MLPA's in this external proposal B is the best. I do not understand how this process is being funded when there is no plan for funding in 2010 when ideas are complete and it is time for implementation. I also don't understand proposed ideas such as Lapis 2, Opal and Topaz that suggest major closure to popular in shore areas. How can we create all these MLPAs while CA is currently discussing closing many of our favorite state parks. Also it does not seem water quality is a top priority. Pollution from land to the ocean is a major affect on the health of the ocean.		External B is my top pick External A is second.	I think you for including the public although I believe the money used for this should be used elsewhere to better benefit our ocean. Water quality should be top priority. Each winter I read about San Diego sewage leaking into the ocean. I swim and kayak on trash. How can we not pollute the ocean. Furthermore, a plan for funding implementation should come before all of this. What is the scope of funding?
San Diego	185	Elizabeth Taylor	Encinitas	The best option so far Lapis 1) Swami's should be no take; also it should extend north to Batiquitos Lagoon and South to Del Mar. Carlsbad and Oceanside should have a no-take zone. Santa Monica should have a no-take zone and Catalina should have more no-take areas. San Clemente should have large no-take areas. Lapis 2) needs more no-take area around La Jolla, Encinitas, Solana Beach, Carlsbad and Oceanside. Needs more no-take on Catalina and San Clemente needs no take areas. Opal - needs no take from Carlsbad to Solana Beach, not protective enough for Catalina, San Clemente, Santa Monica, Oceanside, Newport Beach. Topaz Swami's should be no take and expanded north and south; Catalina should have expanded no-take areas; San Clemente needs no-take areas. Proposals A & B - not protective enough; should have no-take from Carlsbad to Solana Beach; expand no-take on Catalina; expand no-take in Santa Barbara, Santa Monica, Hermosa, Huntington, San Clemente and La Jolla.		Lapis 1 appears to be the most protective of marine resources; it is the best option but still needs to be expanded in scope, especially for no-take areas.	There should be a draft proposal from the conservation community. It's not equitable to have two proposals from the fishing groups and none from the conservation groups. The process is too heavily weighted toward fishing/extractive interests without adequate concern for marine health.
San Diego	186	Daryl Smith	San Diego	Regarding any closure.			
San Diego	187	Jeff Crooks	San Diego	External Proposals A & B - not enough protection, especially in La Jolla. Topaz - Imperial Beach SMCA too small, Kendall-Frost, SDR. Rev. South San Diego Bay - good. Opal - Tijuana River and Tijuana Reef - good. Need more protection in La Jolla, South San Diego Bay. Lapis 1 - need MPA at Cabrillo. Lapis 2 - need MPA at Cabrillo, need MPA in La Jolla		Imperial Beach MPA/Tijuana River Mouth - important for protecting intact estuaries and coastal systems - needs to be as large as possible. Cabrillo, Pt. Loma, La Jolla - Important areas for MPA establishment.	Good opportunity for input.

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San Diego	188	Pat Powers	Encinitas	I am against the closing of La Jolla and Pt. Loma to the taking of fin fish, Lapis 1 I believe. Restrict commercial fishing in all areas and limit the number of permits. The effect on the boating industry will be devastating to an already impacted industry. I do support the closing of the Del Mar Region as an option to La Jolla or Pt. Loma. thank you for your time!			
San Diego	189	Andy Wright	San Diego	In General, I am most concerned about the motivation and science involved in the closures. It seems to me that we are solely concentrating on the most accessible areas that happen to be by harbors, public access points and luxury homes while other areas are ignored. Furthermore, the goals of the MLPA is to control pollution, coastal development and overfishing. Instead it seems to be focussing on fishing, period. If the process addressed the other factors I wouldn't have such a bad taste. If the Laguna City Council wasn't trying to privatize their beaches (again) I feel that much of the bickering would subside. Base these on thorough solid science and I feel we can work towards a common goal			
San Diego	190	Zoe Dugan	San Diego	Lapis 1 - represents adequate protection. Would like to see more protection around San Miguel Island. Very happy with La Jolla SMR and Pt. Loma SMCA - like this one best overall. Lapis 2 - Question the need or Del Mar SMR. Habitat is not complex and does not represent a priority area for protection. Would like more protection for La Jolla SMR, which is an area heavily used for extraction. Topaz - I support protection of South San Diego Bay SMCA - Would like to see more protection in La Jolla and larger SMR at Blue Cavern Points, Catalina. I support Farnsworth SMCA!		Blue Cavern Pt. SMR (Topaz) As an active diver near Blue Cavern Point, appreciate the increased protection of the valuable marine resources in that area. Farnsworth Bart SMR - Lapis - Protect this special area!	A bit overwhelming on arrival but after a bit of time to figure out what is where - a little easier. I wish there was some type of transparent overlay of existing State MPA's that I could use with either the posters or 8.5x11 maps provided to help when making comparisons. All MLPA people here are very helpful.
San Diego	191	John McMahon	Del Mar	Round 2 Revised External Proposal B is best out of all maps. There is still too much red in all. We need to fish our areas too! Stop the nets and commercial fishing, start doing something about the seal over population. They are killing more fish than us recreational fishermen.			
San Diego	192	Chad Reed	El Cajon			Round 2 Revised External Proposal B is the best. I disagree with all as far as recreational fishing. I have been fishing since I was 2. You need to stop the commercial end of fishing as it depletes the fish more than anything. Recreational fishermen don't have "by catch". Leave us and our children alone - let us fish! Also clear out the children's pool - it's for children not seals!	

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San Diego	193	Shafiek Peck	Pacific Beach	My comment in regards to all proposal, especially regarding the La Jolla and Pt. Loma - I was under the impression that current DFG laws were designed to limit and protect fisheries from depletion, not only for the marine life, but also to protect the livelihood of anglers. Most anglers abide by DFG rules and regulations very religiously in order to keep that delicate balance of protecting marine species and sustaining fisheries for future use. The tough restrictions that the MLPA is proposing will undoubtedly take away yet another freedom that people not only enjoy for recreation, but also depend on for making a living. The ONLY initiative which may be the least restrictive is the Revised External Proposal B. However, my fear is if one such proposal passes, that would seem to permit the flood gates to open on further restrictions.			Californians are losing too many freedoms as it is. I believe that current DFG regulations, while they are restrictive, work in the best interest of both marine life and anglers alike. I'm not in favor of any more MLPA restriction, period!
San Diego	194	Bill Waltz	San Diego	This entire initiative is based solely on the desires of radical environmentalists. This issue is no different, and is closely tied to, the actions faced by the offroad community. As anglers we are first and foremost conservationists. Having the will of this small group push around these larger groups is ludicrous. This is a slippery slope. Closures, no matter how small, is just a prelude of what is to come. Give radical activist a place to put their foot in the door and they will spread like cancer. Let's not forget who is paying for this. Seriously, anglers are going to pay for this in more ways than one. What happens when people sell their boats. What about all of the livelihoods that are dependent on this industry. This is completely unnecessary and frivolous. This state has already proved that it cannot manage itself or our money. Now we have to expect that they are going to do the right thing by the very people that pay for it...and will continue to pay for it.		I fundamentally oppose every single proposal. As I stated earlier, it is a slippery slope. This action is unnecessary.	I appreciate that I have been given the opportunity to have my voice heard. I have faced this before in the offroad arena. I fear that this outcome will be the same.
San Diego	195	Bob Crane	Encinitas	I am concerned that any designation in North San Diego County will interfere with sand nourishment processes which are vital for human enjoyment of our beaches. Will this specifically be addressed? I am not just concerned with prohibition but making the process for cities in a SANDAG more difficult.			
San Diego	196	Anonymous				I think all the stakeholders should take a stand and support one over the other. If the stakeholders do not take a stand, no one will. However if they do not support environmentalism it is a shame and not promoted.	I care about California's wildlife. I think it is important to conserve the marine life off our coast and further education and improvements in this field. California has a vast variety of beauty to offer and shouldn't be victimized to the petty and vicious form of capitalism. I think it is a shame that external proposition C got kicked off because that was the only initiative that supports environmentalism!

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San Diego	197	Patricia Adams	San Diego	I believe that fishermen/women like me support sensible efforts to protect and preserve fishing in California, but I also believe that this MLPA process has been taken over by extremists bent on closing down as much fishing in this state as possible. this entire process needs much more legislative oversight. I will base all my future votes on City Councilmen, Supervisors, Assembly members, State Senators and even US Congress upon the outcome of this process. My children and I have always enjoyed a day of fishing off of La Jolla or Point Loma kelp beds. If you close those down that will be terribly unjust.			
San Diego	198	Mark Adams	San Diego				Overall this process got hijacked by extremists that want to close down as much of this state to fishing as they can. I believe that those moneyed interests want nothing less than to turn OUR coast into their own private aquarium. This has been a civil process, but appears to have been "bought and paid for" by wealthy Californians that do not enjoy fishing nor do they see why people like me do enjoy it. Please do NOT close Pt. Loma kelp beds or La Jolla kelp beds to fishing.
San Diego	199	Anonymous		Pt. La Jolla will become all seals that will eat all your protected fish. Say no to this!			
San Diego	200	Tom Wardin	Solana Beach	I'm a San Diego freediver and fisherman. My concern regarding complete closure of the area at Catalina Two Harbors area is this port needs tourist attraction to survive. Also why don't you make this a SMCA and not take Calico's, however, open it for lobster and palagic which should include white seabass!			
San Diego	201	Eric Disque	Oceanside	I am a sales rep for Confluence Watersports and would like to voice why I believe La Jolla is a bad choice for closures. This is an area that draws a very large number of kayak fishermen and women driving both the kayak fishing market in both LA and San Diego counties. This would bring a financial impact not only to myself, but to all kayak stores that I work very closely with. This impact would affect everyone including the factory workers back in South Carolina where we manufacture a great deal of kayaks specially designed for fishing. My sales region, Central and Southern CA, is responsible for over \$500,000 in revenue for my company. In turn, when this product is sold to the public, it brings an equal amount to retailers spread throughout my region. There are a number of alternative areas that could be protected that would have less of a financial impact. Both Del Mar and Imperial Beach are good alternatives.			
San Diego	202	CJ Solis	Bonita	None of the six proposals meet the science guidelines set by law, they are all one sided and not representative of my conservation views. I would like to see aspects of proposal C brought back as it was representative of conservation views.			

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San Diego	203	Fay Crevushay	San Diego	We disagree with all the proposals currently on the table. They all do a disservice to the ocean. Please put back proposal C. Let's not fool ourselves and cheat our children		Please don't forget the La Jolla seals. Seal Beach we should call it. We can have there a great education center for kids.	Good effort in democracy, but we cannot let one interest (short term one) hijack the process. Thank you for caring.
San Diego	204	Ben McCue	San Diego	I am deeply disappointed that none of the current proposals meet the science guidelines of the MLPA process. These proposals seem to represent the interests of consumptive users. I would like to see MLPA process include proposals that reflect the interests of other stakeholders.			
San Diego	205	Nathan Jovin	San Diego	I am opposed to the Lapis 1 proposal which would shut down the La Jolla and Pt. Loma fishing grounds. My friends and I are low-impact kayak anglers. We love the sport and supporting many local businesses that depend on our continued ability to fish these areas (Turner's Outdoors, OEX, Anglers Choice, Pat's bait and tackle, etc.) These areas are the only safe launches for kayak fishermen who wish to target larger game species. If La Jolla closes down, we would be restricted to fishing smaller species in San Diego and Mission Bays. Over the past year several of my friends and relatives have taken up the sport and we get endless hours of enjoyment fishing in La Jolla. It's one of the greatest parts of living in San Diego. If our access to these areas is removed, we will likely take our business down to Mexico. The state would lose out on all the wonderful sales and business taxes they now get when we buy all of our licences and gear in San Diego.		I appreciate the efforts of the state to conserve species and ensure that our waters continue to thrive. I hope that a proposal will be chosen (such as Lapis 2 or External A) that does not cut the legs out from under the entire community of kayak anglers in San Diego. It should also be taken into consideration that the sport continues to grow, San Diego will become a "hot spot" and millions of dollars will be poured into the economy by those flocking here to enjoy the world famous La Jolla kelp beds.	I am pleased to see public opinion being solicited so openly and aggressively. I hope that the state will continue to solicit feedback as a final decision draws nearer.
San Diego	206	Aric Curtis	San Diego	I am very concerned that the La Jolla kelp will be closed to fishing and spearfishing. I would like to see the La Jolla and Pt. Loma kelp beds stay open for fishing and spearfishing. I would not be opposed to smaller bag limits, size limits, or similar forms of management, but I do not want these kelp beds closed to fishing. Thank you.			
San Diego	207	Barry Snyder	San Diego	I'd like serious consideration be given to allowing the bait barge companies special latitude to continue their operations - even in designated areas. The bait barge industry is the backbone of the San Diego fishing industry as a whole and makes it world-renown. Anything done in South San Diego Bay should be done in concert with the Port of San Diego's ambitious habitat restoration efforts.			
San Diego	208a	John Principato	El Cajon	I am the son of a commercial pole tuna fisherman, a San Diego native of 53 years as both my parents are. Grandparents emigrated here and fished commercial tuna on both my mothers and fathers sides. My father showed me how to fish at an early age. I fish La Jolla primarily, from a kayak. I am able to delight my parents occasionally with fresh caught fish. I don't take much but they are happy simply with sandabs, an occasional barracuda or bonita. I fish every weekend and it has been a year since I caught a yellotail and I have never caught a white sea bass. I release most calico bass keeping an occasional. This is pretty much the same story with my 4 main fishing partners, not because of lack of fish, but probably more due to knowledge and technique. I have purchased quite a bit of high end gear locally and on an ongoing basis.			

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San Diego	208b	John Principato		I have a friend that brings his family on an annual trip to La Jolla to fish in a kayak with me. They stay at La Jolla beach and tennis club, buying all meals out and many other expenditures while here. Taking this very sustainable fishery away from my workweek is filled with anticipation of fishing the weekend in La Jolla. It is recreational and my form of exercise. Thank you for reading my comments and please do not take my La Jolla fishing grounds.			
San Diego	209a	Jan Vafis	San Diego	I attend the Carlsbad workshop last night. I have more comments. My husband and I were close friends of Jack Prodanovich. Jack was a pioneer of freediving and spearfishing which all started here in San Diego - off La Jolla. Jack died on 2/7/08. My husband died 12 hours later on 2/8/08. Two legends lost. I wish they were both here to defend the right and freedom to use all of our ocean areas. Both would be terribly upset that the MLPA process is so arbitrary and not based on science. Facts in the MLPA process are so lacking. It's very sad. There is no proof that closing any areas will appreciably alter the oceans resources. Both Jack Prodanovich and my husband, George Vafis, were conservationists. They loved and respected the ocean. As spearfishermen, they harvested only what they would eat.			At a time when the economy is in the toilet, it is sad to me that more and more of our liberties are being taken away and/or restricted. It also appears that another bureaucracy will need to be formed and funded by taxpayer money (if there is any taxpayer money!) to oversee the various MLPA and MPA designated areas. As usual, the people with the money are driving the MLPA process. Spearfishermen don't tend to have a lot of money and many rely on what they spear to feed their families. Compared to what the commercial guys take, spearfishermen barely impact the fish population.
San Diego	209b	Jan Vafis		If Jack Prodanovich or my husband could have a say they would probably support Revised Proposal B which appears to close out Del Mar and leaves access to La Jolla and Pt. Loma for spearfishing.			I have been spearfishing on average of once every other week since January. during that time, I have not speared one fish, but I have thoroughly enjoyed the ocean. Thank you for "listening".
San Diego	210a	Jonathan Goin	La Jolla	As a fisheries biologist and recreational angler, I am particularly concerned with Lapis 1 and portions of Topaz, Lapis 1 closes too much in general but the extreme area of La Jolla that would be closed would alienate fishermen and other stakeholders completely. At the very least, the closed area should be half its current size and allow fishing for pelagic species. Conservation goals could be achieved in this area in other ways than complete closure. Stronger limits for resident species or even catch and release for rockfish, calico bass, etc. would keep fishermen happy as long as they could target yellowtail and white seabass for harvest. Those are the targets for most recreational anglers and their populations are robust and/or growing. La Jolla is the absolute best fishing grounds in Southern California for pelagic species of notable size.			I don't see what conservation goals would be damaged by allowing pelagic species to be harvested from Encinitas and Cardiff Reef. The State of California is suffering from serious economic issues. Let's not further them by shutting down the fishing areas that help the economy the most. It's all about compromise.

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San Diego	210b	Jonathan Goin		To close it completely will forever damage the ability of management agencies to align with fishermen to achieve conservation goals. many recreational anglers remain the biggest proponents of conservation and know what's going on in the field more than many biologists trapped at their computers. Many biologists (including myself - I work for NOAA fisheries) have spent years building partnerships with fishermen to conduct effective research with limited dollars. Moving forward with Lapis 1 will forever jeopardize the relationship between biologists and fishermen who are our biggest allies in conservation as far as total numbers of people. Removing them from those areas also means enforcement personnel need to be present. there are too few CDFG game wardens as it is and CA is bankrupt. Lapis 1 will therefore potentially cause more poaching and backfire as far as conservation.			I don't see what conservation goals would be damaged by allowing pelagic species to be harvested from Encinitas and Cardiff Reef. The State of California is suffering from serious economic issues. Let's not further them by shutting down the fishing areas that help the economy the most. It's all about compromise.
San Diego	210c	Jonathan Goin		Please consider Revised External Proposal B or A. they both seem to be reasonable compromises that will accomplish satisfying the guidelines of MLPA, achieve conservation of resident species, and keep fishermen o the fishing grounds relatively happy. In addition, Topaz has it's own issues. My main concern with Topaz is closing Cardiff Reef and Encinitas to fishing for pelagics. If you would fish for pelagics in that particular SMCA, it would be an improved map but would still be inferior to Revised External Proposal A and B.			I don't see what conservation goals would be damaged by allowing pelagic species to be harvested from Encinitas and Cardiff Reef. The State of California is suffering from serious economic issues. Let's not further them by shutting down the fishing areas that help the economy the most. It's all about compromise.
San Diego	211	Gerald Hockstad	Santee	I caught over 2,000 fish a year since 1980 from our inshore kelp beds and bays. All were released. Most anglers practice catch & release. Not once did I disturb a dolphin or whale. I stay clear of them. Closure's should be the least restrictive and not in the entire areas of La Jolla and Pt. Loma. External Proposal B seems rational. It provides reasonable access and reasonable closures for conservation. It serves the goals of the MLPA and the best interests of all stakeholders involved. Unreasonable closures can't work as they will only create law breakers.			
San Diego	212	Jan Vafis	San Diego	Rather than going through of this MLPA process, why don't you just adjust the fish & game laws to better manage the fish population. Have temporary closures of certain areas. With this MLPA process, once an area has been closed, it will never be reopened. That's just wrong.			
San Diego	213	Sharon Hayes	San Diego	I am not convinced that any of this is necessary. Have the economic impact been taken into consideration? What is the purpose? What about other factors - pollution, seals, etc.? How have areas previously closed down been effected? These are sufficient rules and regulations as is.			

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San Diego	214	Patrick Moevich	San Diego	As a kayak fisherman, my access to fishing grounds is already limited. My main area to fish is La Jolla, specifically along the northern/northwestern edge of the kelp. Without this area, I would probably stop fishing on a regular basis and my enjoyment of life in San Diego would be greatly diminished. My free time is limited, so La Jolla is the perfect launch spot for me. I live very close to it, and it doesn't take long (even from a kayak) to get to a soze with world class fishing. If Lapis 1 La Jolla SMR#2 is accepted, I will lose all of this. I fear that the people I've met in the kayak fishing industry (good people with families who own their own shops, guide, etc.) will in effect be fired. Please reject Lapis 1. This is about compromise, they've made none. Thank you.			
San Diego	215a	Daryl Smith	San Diego	Before we decide to close or limit access to our coastal waters, please remember these areas are more of a concern to the people that use and enjoy our coastal waters. The environment is more important to us because we are swimming, diving, fishing, in it. Suggestions: size limit, bag limit, catch and release 1. We all want to safeguard our fisheries. 2. We need to take care in decisions we make in regards to closures. Many people in and out of state own a boat that they may use to come and enjoy in San Diego or wherever there is access to the ocean. Most of them may use their boat 2 weeks out of the year. If you close their fishing spot, they don't come and spend money which create jobs, they don't buy anything tackle, boat maintenance, licenses, permits, hotel space, food.			
San Diego	215b	Daryl Smith		Today's paper said San Diego Hotel business is already down 30-35%. We already have 12 1/2 unemployment rate, 2% more will chage our economy from at recession to depression. Plesse think about California families first.			
San Diego	216	William Vitale	San Diego	I am in support of Revised External A Map. This proposal gives consideration to kayak fishermen. External A proposal has cross interest and is a good compromise for all sides involved. I am not in support of Lapis 1, Lapis 2, Opal, Topaz, or External B.		The MPA and La Jolla Shores in the Lapis 1 proposal is not acceptable. would prevent me from kayak fishing in this area. La Jolla Shores is my only safe launch site, as I have a disability due to a back injury. I would lose 100% of my kayak fishing opportunity.	Please be fair when considering a closure that will effect a large community like kayak fishermen.
San Diego	217	Diana Lopez	Chula Vista	MPA Proposal Tijuana River Mouth, change from moderate high to protect the crabs, lobsters and urchin and every other species with no acceptions to any. My opinions in general about all proposals is to increase all levels of protection, to regulate the destruction we have made to the sea. I would like to see all proposal in the level of protection of VERY HIGH to dimish the rate of species dying of hunger because of overfishing and not to mention the negative impact on the ocean.			
San Diego	218	Miguel Moreno	Chula Vista	I think a more aggressive approach is needed. Maybe have only one very ambitious proposal for each area and send that to each member of the Natural Resources Committee of both the California State Assembly and Senate. Try to sponsor an existing bill or see if an exceptionally green and activist legislator will present one of your bills, the one with the most ambitious wording. This is a very important project which is getting next to no exposure outside the "conservation circle"			For an initiative process this old and this important it is dangerously unknown to the general public. Social networking sites can help get the word out, but a more engaging attractive presentation than the one done today is what is needed.

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San Diego	219a	Rob Peterson	San Diego	External A/B is a good compromise on outlooks. Blocking areas with less access and visibility makes more sense. Not allowing free divers areas of better visibility to keep with diving hurts. No expanded mpas in La Jolla is a must. Lapis 1 is not good at all for the City of San Diego. it will kill the economy in San Diego around the coast. If you block some off the cleanest water to dive in then the sports fisherman, tourists and watermen won't show up they'll move to other areas or??? All bsuiness along La Jolla will be hit with trouble. That would put us out of business. Other proposals look more user friendly. We need to keep access to La Jolla open and free. Lapis 1 kills all fishing in La Jolla (sportfishing)! Sea lion and harbor seals would increase in colony size yearly with an increase seal & sea lion colonies the presence of white sharks will be more prominent.			
San Diego	219b	Rob Peterson		If these proposals hit San Diego it will gravely put the City of San Diego way behind the ball on \$. We are already financially hurting and less tourism would impact San Diego too much.			
San Diego	220	Paul McDonald	San Diego	Lapis 1 Draft - Ples revise La Jolla 2 SMR to start 1/4-1/2 miles south of the planned map. I am a long time coastal land owner. My backyard is on a dog beach - SDR SMCA & PLSMCA are where I would like to fish, and I fish 100% from my kayak. The proplem is 90% of the time the surf is too big and unsafe to launch. This is why i go to the La Jolla boat launch. 90% of the time there is little or no surf. 3 years ago I lost my job and have not been able to get employment. I need to be able to fish to feed my family. If you take away the proposed area you will be hurting my family. I know that the MIPA's are coming and in the end will be good for the fishing community. Please note that there are only a few spots, that as a kayak fisherman I can catch pelagic fish. These are the only fish I target. If you take as much of La Jolla as is on the map you will take 90% of where I kayak fish. Please note by adjusting the northern line a little, I will still be able to feed my family.			Please work with us little guys too.
San Diego	221	Kim Baldwin	San Diego	All proposals - I do not understand why a scientific proposal is not kept (as reference at least or for comparison with stakeholder proposals) so the task force and fish and game can compare, or at least fairly/ evenly composed teams. It will never be representative if all the groups making proposals are heavily biased (as consumptive users). If 40% of 60 people are consumptive users then biological rationale will never been evenly considered. Shouldn't this process be a balance between conservation and use of marine resources? Not sure what the rationale was or where the guidance was on determining stakeholder proposals teams but it should be based on a balance between science and use in order to adequately protect and conserve resources.			
San Diego	222	Jeff Becker	San Diego	I strongly believe that External A is the best option for Southern California. Taking into account all the variables. The economic impact that would result from the closure of La Jolla would be devistating to so many people. External B is also another proposal that makes sense.			

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San Diego	223	Brian Ondek	San Diego	I believe the external proposals represent an outstanding compromise of the MLPA with the causal recreational sportsfishermen. I spend over \$2000 year on activities relating to fishing not including boat maintenance and gas. Of the proposals I find Lapis #1 to be insane and completely ridiculous. Can't imagine why it was even proposed other than to have people (in SD County) bag on it (i.e. bad cop). I fish with family and friends including my young children and to have La Jolla to Pt. Loma major closures would be UNACCEPTABLE. Spot closures as in External A & B are reasonable and within what I would expect to be conducive to maintaining a healthy fishery. The local recreational fishermen are very minor component to the "take" compared to the commercial fishermen and all the non-locals who have no idea of what they're doing to the environment when they take and don't "utilize" their catch. Thank you for your time and effort to this very important issue and process.			I think the process to date has been reasonable.
San Diego	224	John Wagner	La Mesa	Strongly support External A (no expanded MPA's in La Jolla). Oppose Lapis: wipes out La Jolla fishing, increases seal populations, which pollutes water, attracts sharks, endangers swimmers, divers, surfers, and children in the water. Harms sportfishing and other coastal businesses. And no where does it address the water quality from Pt. Loma to La Jolla.			
San Diego	225	Bill Hickman	San Diego	Thanks for offering the open house to get more information, but to be honest, it's all a bit confusing. I don't fish but do eat a little bit of it, selectively. I do support recreational fishing and people that fish for their own food, I respect that. Please include as much limited recreational fishing as possible while not allowing commercial operations wherever you can. Nowadays fisheries are collapsing around the globe and we need to protect what we can. Protected areas increase fisheries around their boundaries so the two are not mutually exclusive. As a member of the Surfrider Foundation, I support their ideas and thank them for keeping me aware of the process. Thanks for your time.			
San Diego	226	Bob Kruger	Vista	All proposals! I am a kayak fisherman. I do not think that you should close any areas of San Diego County. I spent over \$2,000. on fishing this year including a new kayak, tackle, gas, license and equipment. Do you realize what your proposals will do to the economy??? This will effect more than just the fishing community. The economy is already bad and you want to kick the dog when he is down. these proposals will cost people their jobs! I know someone who just opened a fishing store. Do you want to put him out of work?? I just took my girlfriend's 5 year old fishing for the first time. You want to stop him from being able to enjoy the beauty of fishing? Teaching him the conservation of catch and release fishing to keep the fishery going. Most kayak fishermen catch and release over 90% of the fish we catch, we know we have to keep the fishery going. If La Jolla and Pt. Loma are closed I will not be able to kayak fish anymore.		Please take into consideration the effect these proposals will have on the community as a whole. The impact it will have on the economy. The effect it will have on our young people who need to be able to be exposed to the outdoors and fishing. This was and is a big part of who I am and the young people should have this opportunity in their lives. I red it will cost over 30 million dollars to implement these proposals. How can you justify this cost when we are laying off teachers, cutting health benefits, stopping benefits for the poor, single parents, subsidies for food and energy rebates?? Once again I think you need to look at the overall effect that this will have on our community and the economy.	No part of San Diego county should be closed to fishign. This will have a very bad effect on an economy which is already bad. It will cost people their jobs!! This will affect gas, hotels, fishing retailers, sport fleets, car repair, sporting good dealers. It will also affect the community as a whole. i want the young people to be able to enjoy the beauty of fishing. That should be their right in the USA.

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San Diego	227a	Mark Kleiter	Poway	I do not approve of any areas to be closed in the San Diego County area. I am a kayak fishing enthusiast. Areas to be closed are going to affect the economy. We are in a recession as is, and to cut out areas for recreational fishing will bring more of an economic downfall than ever before. Many sportboats, lobster (commercial) and private sportfishing will be put out of business and families will be hurt. Areas that I kayak in are safe and easily accessible to the offshore grounds. Closing those areas will make it dangerous and unsafe for entrance into the water. Being blocked will make areas to far out to be safe in case of wind, swell or any sudden weather change. I take my daughter fishing in our kayaks of La Jolla, Point Loma, South of Coronado. We have been doing this for some time and she feels safe accessing these areas with me.			Some action should be taken, only in a positive aspect of what is good for our future, which can easily be done with proper size and numbers regulated. Closing areas doesn't solve the problem. Positive and agreeable human negotiating can make a difference.
San Diego	227b	Mark Kleiter		There is no low surf areas to access into the ocean in South San Diego areas. These areas are also handicapped accessible areas for skindivers, freedivers, and snorklers to gamefish without having to deal with dangerous surf and reef or rock areas. The fishing in the last 10 years has improved because of proper ethics from fishermen and positive catch and release of certain size limits. My health has improved because of my kayaking and fishing at my age. And I would hope to be doing this until the day I die (which isn't going to be anytime soon!!			
San Diego	228	Curt Lange	San Diego	I feel that External A & B and Lapis 2 are the most fair of the proposed maps. I am a kayak fisherman and these maps allow for easy access and thus the safest means of pursuing my favorite pasttime. The only fish I will keep are yellowtail and white sea bass. Since kayak anglers are limited to the number of large species fish we can take at one time. I feel we pose the least threat to our off shore fisheries. Forcing us to go out further to remain within the lan is a potentially dangerous situation. It would be nice if some incentives were built into the plan that favored kayak fishing we use no fuel (i.e. less pollution). we do little if any damage to kelp beds. We are not aggressive on the water; you can't get too drunk on a kayak on the open ocean. we take far less fish than our sportfishing brethren. I am being lumped into the same group as the party boat captain with 50 poles in the water and that is unfair.		Lapis 2 is my final vote.	I thank the MLPA for addressing this important issue. I would like to see the MLPA focus more on clean water issues, especially in any future SMCA/SMP or SMR. It makes no sense to protect an area you let open sewers dump into.
San Diego	229	Patrick Bowler	San Diego	The best proposal for San Diego is External Proposal A. It would seem to have the least economic impact on local fishing businesses. Also, it seems relatively balanced. But I question the need for any closure. I have lived and fished these waters my entire life (62 years old) and feel that good management techniques would better serve our ecological and environmental needs. In addition, I strongly urge that much tougher water quality laws be enacted to ensure the health of this area, along with this proposal. Of course, due to the complete lack of state funding, enforcement will be impossible for at least the near future. Given the crisis in California government this whole process should really be shelved until funding can be provided. I also strongly object to private enterprise, with their own agenda, funding this process. Clearly this is a conflict of interest of monumental proportions!			I strongly object to private enterprise (with their own agenda) funding, in part, this process. Major conflict of interest. Also, due to lack of state funding, I am very upset that we are moving forward. We can't educate our kids, but we can implement an ill conceived plan that we cannot possibly enforce.

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San Diego	230	Frank Price	San Diego	Of all of the proposal maps I saw today Lapis 2 looks to be the best. My family and I have been fishing in San Diego for over 50 years. Lapis 2 still gives us areas while leaving areas that can still be protected.			The process seems to be moving along too fast. have no idea of the science behind these closures.
San Diego	231	Nathan Price	San Diego	Of all the maps I have seen today, Lapis 2 is the one that looks good to me. I think this because it gives fishermen the most area to fish, and it still protects the environment.			
San Diego	232a	Douglas Gaxiola	San Diego	As a kayak fisherman, luanches that provide SAFE access to fishing grounds are few and far between. Of all the proposals, only external proposal B allows really safe accesible fishing areas for kayak fishermen. Kayak fishing is one of the most environmentally friendly forms of fishing in existence. we take less and are non polluting. This type of conservation minded activity should be acknowledged and rewarded by the MLPA process. All the proposals except for External Proposal B will actually hve a deep negative impact on kayak fisherman. that is unacceptable. If I can't reach productive fishing grounds from a safe accessible launch. I might as well not even bother to fish. I spend several thousand dollars a year on fishing. that is money that goes into the local economy. I support local businesses.	Subregion 5	External proposal B is the only reasonable proposal for subregion 5. La Jolla and Pt. Loma need to be kept accessible. A SMR in Del Mar would have less impact.	
San Diego	232b	Douglas Gaxiola		Taxes from my purchases help SUPPORT our financially strapped state. My story is similar to thousands of other kayak anglers. The economic impact of most of these proposals will be severe. The state cannot afford the cost of these proposals.	Subregion 5		
San Diego	233	Kevin Stafford	San Diego	RE: Revised External Proposal A - This proposal appears to be the most acceptable to me I am a kayak fisherman who often fishes the La Jolla kelp and launch from La Jolla Shores. I am primarily a catch and release fisherman. I release at least 95% of the fish I catch. If I was unable to fish in La Jolla this would greatly disrupt my ability to fish. I spend thousands of dollars every year on fishing equipment and supplies in San Diego, and this would be negatiely impacted if I couldn't fish La Jolla. I grew up fishing with my dad, and I want my son to be able to fish with me as well. Point Loma and South San Diego Bay are important fisheries to me as well. I work for a nonprofit that takes at-risk youth fishing. If La Jolla and Pt. Loma were not accessible, these at-risk youth would not be able to fish and this would effect the San Diego Community. In closing, I strongly support Revised External Proposal A.			
San Diego	234	Dennis Kilian	San Diego	Revised external proposal B or Lapis 2 get my vote of support. As a recreational fisherman and freedive spearfisherman, closures in San Diego - particularly La Jolla and Pt. Loma would impact the area, which has a deep tradition of sportfishing. Closures in these areas would have great economical impact as well as limiting the sport that myself and many others love. Please consider closures in areas such as Del Mar/Solana Beach and Imperia Beach (Lapis 2) as an alternative.			

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San Diego	235	Jeff Gardner	Bonita	I'm concerned about the MLPA and proposed closures of Southern California. I enjoy kayak fishing and scuba diving. I dive and fish mostly in La Jolla and Pt. Loma. I find kayak fishing and diving enjoyable. It is good exercise and is friendly for the environment. Most of the fish that I catch are released and only fished for sport. I spend roughly \$1,000-\$2,000 a year on kayak/fishing and diving. If the MLPA closed Pt. Loma and La Jolla this would be lost revenue to local business. I enjoy these sports and I have been doing these sports since 1980's. I look forward to sharing these sports with family and friends. I don't think that these proposed closures are effective or worth paying for the state to enforce, rather they should enforce our current laws that protect endangered species black sea bass, abalone and lobster. La Jolla provides kayak fishermen a safer place to launch and land that is uncommon to other beaches. Please do not close La Jolla and Pt. Loma to kayakers.			
San Diego	236	Jose Gutierrez	San Diego	I'm for a Marine Protected Area in particular Prop. C. In general I don't like to skewed are the props toward the fishing industry. They have to co-exist with a protected, sustainable, marine coastline here in California; the posted maps show a ridiculous low percentage of proposed regulated area. I support a more effective grid that provides ample of habitat for marine animals, to provide and allow time for the natural cleansing of our seawater. I look for a win-win for both parties - enviros and fishermen et al, but the way it looks right now it is overwhelmingly skewed to favor only one group.		I want to see a larger protected area along San Diego county. A beautiful coastline will attract tourism and generate jobs for our sons and daughters.	
San Diego	237	Alex Seyf	San Diego	Round 2 Revised External Proposal B: Of all the proposals revised external prop. B looks to be the most reasonable since it has a good amount of protected area yet at the same time, it gives fisherman area to fish productive kelp beds		Lapis 1 Draft MPA Proposal - I view this prop. To be unacceptable for the local boaters, kayakers, and spearfishermen that fish La Jolla kelp. Many of the bigger unendangered species of fish migrate through La Jolla making it a great place for the fishing community.	I disagree with all of the Southern California from Del Mar & south being closed. I would like to see slot limits placed for specific species rather than closures.
San Diego	238	Justin Malizia	San Diego	I am very unhappy with all of the maps. None of them meet the science requirements. What is the point of the process if nothing is going to be protected. Please let someone create another map that actually helps the marine life. Give the seals a chance. Save them in La Jolla. Please have more choices. All these maps are the same.		I would like to see something saving the seals in La Jolla	Stupid, unless you really save the areas that should be protected.
San Diego	239	Maria Fernand Schroeder	San Diego	Why spend all this money on a process that has no real maps protecting the areas that count. None of these maps have La Jolla, Pt. Loma and all the other important places. Why do none of them meet the science requirements. Why have this? It seems bought. Why not save what really matters. The seals in La Jolla are a perfect example. Please add a map that meets science requirements because that is not what this process is about. Who is not doing their job? These are all single interest.		Map should meet science requirements. All these maps are B/S. Please create a new map that has protected area with the science guide. I support La Jolla shores as an MPA.	It would be great if it followed the science requirements.

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San Diego	240	Cole Didi	San Diego	It's apparent to me that after reviewing all proposals that External B appeals to me the most. I feel that this proposal allows recreational fishermen to utilize, the ocean yet still conserve target species of fish. In this proposal we the fisherman are able to fish for top under species while still protect and ensure that the bottom fish are protected. Additionally, a factor that also have interest in is the new designated size and possession limits. I do believe that with this proposal put in place that we can both conserve and utilize the bounties of the ocean and ensure for future generations.		Proposal External B, sub category La Jolla SMCA is well thought out aspect of the proposal. As an AVID fisherman I have seen this area boom O. with not only the size, but the quality of tuna in this area with the restrictions that are currently in place. This should not be changed. Additionally in the same proposal subsection Ocean Beach SMCA it is a well exhibited thought in which recreational fishermen can still target and take specified fish while allowing other species to be under protection and populate.	Things should stay as they are. Keep Proposal
San Diego	241a	Bob Phillips	San Diego	I have fished South California since I was 7 years old, over the years preservation and good practice has always been a priority to me and all of the people and business that would be damaged by the more extreme measures proposed. In the 32 plus years I have been fishing Southern California. When I see acts of carelessness or destructiveness I feel it my duty to call and advise of the situation. In reviewing the maps of proposals I believe the Proposal (B) shows that fishermen have the values and want conservation as well. Most anglers self police and return the majority of their catch for another day. There is interest in conservation by all effect by these proposals, and the more extreme proposals would have financial impact on the State of California.			
San Diego	241b	Bob Phillips		that by passing on the more extreme proposals in effect is saying California does not need your money. Give it to the country to our south where most Californians would need to go to enjoy a way of life that as an American we have the right to enjoy.			
San Diego	242	Gary Sjoberg	Campo	Round 2 - Revised External Proposal B - I think you people have taken away too much already but of all the proposals this seems to be the lesser of evils.		Round 2 Revised External Proposal B - enough, leave things alone.	I think you need to keep us more informed. I hear nothing on the news about these closures. If I didn't go to Squidco I would know nothing about this.
San Diego	243	Greg Wade	San Diego	Opal - concerned with this proposal's recommendation for a state marine reserve (SMR) off the Tijuana river mouth in Imperial Beach. This would likely not be supported by the community at large, nor by the City Council as it would preclude any/all take, commercial or recreational. Additionally, it is still not clear if a SMR in this area would preclude dredging and beach renourishment. If so, this again would make this proposal unacceptable. Any proposal of any MPA that would preclude beach renourishment (on or near shore) and dredging for beach renourishment purposes, would be unacceptable.			
San Diego	244	David Hornback	La Jolla	I support External A because it has the best balance of protecting fisheries and allowing sustainable consumption. I prefer to close Del Mar rather than La Jolla. La Jolla has the best human power access for kayaks, surfboards, and swimming. I also prefer to keep Dana Point open for the same human powered access reasons. I am a long time member of Surfrider and appreciate conservation. But we need to allow some access for fishing in a sustainable manner.			

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San Diego	245a	Michael Dong	San Diego	Please vote "yes" for Round 2 - Revised External Proposal B. The importance of keeping an available , and accessible fishery at La Jolla and Pt. Loma is paramount. My family utilizes both areas primarily, as there is public parking, boat ramps available, and the fish is good. Further, my daughter is handicapped and spaces are at the docks. If going to alternative fishing areas or lobstering areas, the on-street parking is crowded, and no handicap accessibility is available. As a family, we spend about 5-6 thousand dollars a year on equipment, transportation and meals in the local area we fish, as the sports of hook and line and spearfishing is a significant part of our family tradition. If the other proposals are enacted, closing La Jolla especially, will prohibit 100 percent access to the La Jolla kelp beds via the boat launch in close proximity.			I am encouraged the MLPA process is becoming more transparent, albeit at the eleventh hour. I am disappointed that special interests and minority groups are funding a process that should be focussed on representation for ALL use groups. The future funding troubles me, as it allows special interest/private funding to hijack the process. I am a consumptive fisher and scuba diver, and an eco-cognizant steward of the ocean.
San Diego	245b	Michael Dong		It is a 20 minute paddle from the La Jolla launch to the beds and if the La Jolla area is closed, you cannot paddle the distances to the other reasonable fishing grounds. The Del Mar closure is a "win-win" for the MLPA and the City of Del Mar and San Diego, La Jolla already has a significant Marine Preserve area to attract tourism and provide for the protection of habitat. A similar preserve at Del mar will have the same effect, and not be a huge impact on the local fishery and lobstering. As a scuba diver and scuba spear-hunter, do not want to see La Jolla closed any further than it already is. The safe ingress/egress is unique to the area, especially Children's Pool which is an excellent egress if the conditions change. the ability to take lobster in the area is important, as my daughter is 16 years old and now participates in fishing and hunting lobsters with me.			
San Diego	245c	Michael Dong		A safe manner of enjoying the sport is important. I have many friends who visit from out of state, approximately 15-20 a year at a minimum, and they always want to hunt/fish the La Jolla kelp beds and dive near Pt. Loma. They bring in lots of tourist money to the areas in the form of hotel costs, fuel, equipment, out of state license fees.			
San Diego	246a	Sierra Dong	San Diego	Please vote "yes" on round 2 - revised External Proposal B. Please do not shut down the La Jolla or Pt. Loma fisheries. I am 16 years old and love to go fishing with my father when we have the chance. La Jolla and Pt. Loma have handicap accessibility near the boat launches, which makes things easier for me, considering I am in crutches; this way I am not left out on these trips. Although I have never been spearfishing, I really look forward to going with my father as soon as I get off my crutches. My dad said he would teach me, and it seems like it would be a great time for us to have father-daughter bonding, plus I enjoy spending time with him.			I am in high school, but I am interested to know how the enforcement of keeping fishermen off these beaches will be paid for.
San Diego	246b	Sierra Dong		The closure of Del Mar would be a realistic alternative compared to the closure of La Jolla or Pt. Loma because 1) it is harder to get to and 2) the parkign is always nonexistent because of the crowds. I think closing down the fishery access is more reasonable in Del Mar because I think more people go out there to swim or surf and hangout on the beach rather than fish.			

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San Diego	247a	Jim Peugh	San Diego	I am not able to support any specific "proposal" because I do not understand them. I will address specific areas instead. Famosa Slough should be a SMR. Like most wetlands the bottom is covered with obstacles that would catch hooks, leaders, and fishing lines. these would entrap the hundreds of diving and dabbling birds that use the Slough resulting in mortality. Shoreline access by fishermen would destroy the wetland/upland vegetation that has been restored around the slough. It would also cause the thousands of crab burrows along the shoreline to be trampled reversing 15 years of restored. It would be really destructive to make it an SMCA as indicated on many of the maps. The destruction of vegetation and the lost fishing tackle would also put diving least terns and foraging Clapp & Rails (both endangered) at risk.			The hearing was very frustrating. I was not able to find anyone to explain the proposal, or the rationale for the specific MPAs. All of the explainers working the San Diego maps were occupied.
San Diego	247b	Jim Peugh		Similarly, we urge that the segment of the San Diego River between the Sports Arena Bridge and I-5 be made an SMR. It is not as well restored but it is heavily used by foraging and diving birds. Please establish an SMR for the Tijuana Estuary, the Sweetwater Marsh, the J Street Marsh, and the South Bay NWR for similar reasons. Please establish an SMR in the S.D. Bay and the Ocean Ecological Preserve. It is very important to protect upland for habitat continuity. There are not many areas available to preserve this sort of connection. Similarly, it is important to have MPA's adjacent to Torrey Pines and the Coast Lagoons, including Tijuana Estuary.			
San Diego	248	Chris Cary	San Diego	I am a kayak fisherman and conservationist. My opinion: I prefer Lapis 2 map over Lapis 1 map. I prefer the handling of the La Jolla area on the Lapis 2 map. I think Lapis 1 is too aggressive in this area. On Lapis 1, keeping the north end of La Jolla (SMR2) open is preferable to having it all closed. I prefer External Proposal A. It seems to be the most inclusionary and allows for the greatest amount of public access. I kayak fish La Jolla 80% of the time that I fish. This is the most important area for me to keep open. Also think external proposal B is ok, my second favorite choice. My dad taught me about the ocean. When I was young we spent many summer days exploring all that it had to offer. I respect the ocean, I conserve the ocean, I pick up trash, I paddle and have almost no carbon footprint. Leave access open for me and people like me.			I want to see La Jolla kept free of closures. I am a kayak fisherman and spend 80% of my recreational time fishing La Jolla. It is a very safe and convenient launch. It serves the citizens of California well. I spend \$500 per year on kayak fishing related gear and licenses. If 80% of my fishing opportunities are taken away, I will only be spending \$100 per year. Going to a more treacherous ocean launch is not an option for me as I am the sole income earner for my family, which consists of myself, my wife and two children. If I were injured due to a treacherous launch site, the economic impact to my family would be devastating. La Jolla is one of a kind in safety, opportunity and access.

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San Diego	249a	Derek Reed	Carlsbad	My comments are in support of External Proposals A and Lapis 2. These proposed maps appear to have cross interest support and limit access impacts that directly affect me and my family. I do not own a boat, so my access to the ocean for fishing and spear fishing is from shore or by kayak. the area south of Point La Jolla is the only major kelp bed and reef structure that is easily accessible to me and my family in San Diego County. Shore divers hve access to the inside edge of the kelp forest without having to surface swim hundreds of thousands of meters. Kayak and other small water carft can be launched from City of San Diego's public boat launch La Jolla Shores. To access areas south of Pt. La Jolla, kayak and small boat users must travers the existing La Jolla Marine Conservation Area.		I strongly oppose La Jolla 2 SMR as depicted on the Lapis 1 Draft map. Creation of this MPA would eliminate my safe access to shore based diving and kayak fishing kelp and reef habitat. There is no way to mitigate this loss of access for me and my family.	Overall I support the MLPA process and all the hard work of those involved. I would hope that given the large socioeconomic and recreational impacts that some of the proposed closures will have on the tax paying citizens of the state, that these decisions by based on science and tangible data/research and not on emotionally driving arguments or politics.
San Diego	249b	Derek Reed		This is the safest access for kayaks and the only access for those who do not have the strength to carry kayaks down long staircases, over rocks for a rocky surf launch. In my work in the environmental consulting field, I am familiar with the public process and specifically evaluating potential impacts that a proposed project may have on the local population. Eliminating access or creating a hardship on a disadvantaged or underrepresented group without appropriate mitigation does meet the guidelines of California Environmental Equality Act and exposes involved parties in future litigation. in this case, there is no way to mitigate the loss of access. This is the only area of its kind in the entire county. If the area south of Pt. La Jolla is closed to fishing, it in effect eliminates my shore based diving/spear fishing and kayak fishing.			
San Diego	250	Jeffrey Wolf	Lemon Grove	The proposals are all very staggering to look at. Being a bay fisherman mostly San Diego bay, I would go with External Prop. A. It has no effect on the South Bay, but at the same time I like the Lapis 2. I keep no fish I catch in the South Bay. I would just be concerned with the effect of the overgrowth of fish. I do go out on an occassional 1/2 and 3/4 boat and the external prop. A seems it would have the least effect for the party boats that support the San Diego tourism. I work for one of the largest conservation groups in the world, the S.D. Zoo. I know what it means to this town that survives on tourism. I feel there is a huge give and take to complete a fair process. After looking at all the proposals, External Prop. A seems it could satisfy both parties. Thank all of you for your time and effort on this project.			
San Diego	251	Kenneth Rosburg	San Diego	I support Revised External Prop. B as low impact kayak angler it has the least impact on m and my sport. La Jolla is the only safe ocean launch site in San Diego and as a kayak angler closing La Jolla will put an end to ocean kayak fishing in San Diego. It is simply unreasonable to expect me to paddle 5 or miles to fish after launching from La Jolla and revised External Prop. b would minimize the travel distance and would be the safest proposal. I find revised external proposal A to be my second choice. It minimizes closure in San Diego and would be a good alternative to Proposal B. Lapis Draft 1 would put an end to kayak fishing in San Diego and is unacceptable as are Lapis Draf2 and Opal.			

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San Diego	252a	Rick Osanai	San Diego	Lapis 1 - I am a local small business owner that specializes in kayak fishing. Kayak fishing happens to be a fast growing and relatively new sport. My business relies heavily on La Jolla and Pt. Loma to draw business. Closing La Jolla and Pt. Loma would be devastating to my business if kayakers and other recreational fishermen are not allowed to fish local waters., people will not want to purchase a kayak and could end up selling the ones they own. kayak fishing is a clean, green and every eco-friendly sport. We care about the environment more than most so-called environmentalists in fact I have a degree in resource management. i think that the solution is to put slotted limits on all species of local fish. The typical kayak fisherman only keep what is necessary to eat. In these touch economic climates I find it hard to swallow the fact that my livelihood is at stake, not because of finances but because the MLPA wants to shut down La Jolla and Pt. Loma for fishing.			
San Diego	252b	Rick Osanai		This is something we can control. My business has actually been impacted by the MLPA initiative. I have many customers who don't want to buy a kayak because of the possible closures. In a business where every kayak sale counts, this hurts big time.			
San Diego	253	Michael Weeks	San Diego	I am in favor of proposal A. It seems to meet the habitat needs. Least fiscal impact.		Lapis 1 - Too extreme. Lapis 2 - Too extreme. Opal - too extreme. Topaz - too extreme. Proposal B - probably the best. Proposal A - Probably would be the best for all parties, a reasonable middle ground.	I understand there will be closure, one must take into account the decrease of revenue. I spend money on fuel, bait, tackle, license. Family comes from Arizona and New York to fish, and spend plenty of money. If the closures are extreme how many people will be out of work? How much money will be lost to the State? A whole industry will be lost.
San Diego	254	Bailey Busch	San Diego	I do not support Lapis 1 draft MPA proposal because it closes off the kelp beds out at La Jolla Shores, an area where much of my personal recreation takes place. This proposal does not allow the area to stay open to fishermen and spearfishermen. Lapis 2 is a halfway decent proposal. I reject the closures of extractive activities of Pt. Conception, Dana Point and La Jolla. These areas should remain open for recreational use, personal fishing and spearfishing. I reject the Topaz draft proposal because of the extractive closures in Pt. Loma and La Jolla. Revised proposal External A and B are alright based upon marginal allowance for such recreational activity as spearing, diving, and fishing.		I believe all these proposals are extremely ignorant to consider at such a time of economic hardship and crisis our state is in. There is no reason to spend the time and money on this process that will simply close areas that people love and enjoy. Areas proposed, specifically in Lapis 1, notably La Jolla kelp, are paramount to mine and many others small business and livelihoods	I believe this process should consider the human and its activities more recreation fishing, spearfishing, diving, you name it, help to keep people happy and satisfied. This process should also more heavily consider the economic impact on small businesses, such as the one I work for, that are dependent upon business generated from the usage of the areas proposed to closures
San Diego	255	Garret McGufrie	San Diego	I do not support Lapis 1 because it closed off La Jolla Shores and the La Jolla kelp bed. I spend much of my summer and winter fishing rec. and sportfishing. Do not support Opal, Topaz, they close off La Jolla Shores. I support the revised External Proposal A, Lapis 2, and Proposal B. These are excellent compromises which allow me and my family to enjoy an area unique to Southern California. I work at a kayak retailer on Mission Bay and most of my business is based on the the kayak fishing industry. The loss of fishing in La Jolla will permanently cause undue economic burdens to me and my other coworkers. A business that has been on Mission Bay for 30 plus years.			The representation of the fishing industry isn't being addressed enough. The loss of jobs, and money would be so destructive to Mission Bay, Point Loma, and La Jolla.

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San Diego	256a	Ed Keil	El Cajon	I support revised external Prop A. As a kayak fisherman, keeping the La Jolla area open provides us with the safest launch for low impact recreational fishing. Our country's Declaration of Independence states that people are granted inalienable rights by our creator, those being life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. It does not guarantee the happiness, just the pursuit. The La Jolla area is my pursuit of happiness. Contrary to what has been said about fishermen, we are environmentalists. We practice catch and release, pick up trash and do what we can to preserve the area we love. I grew up fishing with my father and grandfather and hope to be fishing with my father and grandfather and hope to be fishing with my family and friends until I am no longer physically able to do so. As I stated, we participate in low impact recreational fishing. We do not return with kayaks full of fish, covered in blood and sporting new sealskin swim trunks.			
San Diego	256b	Ed Keil		Keeping the La Jolla area open gives us safe and convenient access to our sport, it supports both local business in the way of fishing and kayaking equipment and also the state, in the way fishing license fees. Thank you for considering my comments.			
San Diego	257a	Tyler Webb	San Diego	I am a kayak fisherman. I consider myself an environmentalist. I am very selective in the fish I decide to keep. Kayak fishing has a low environmental impact on the ocean and has limited opportunities in regards to ocean access, therefore I feel is unique among angling groups. As a fisherman, I feel I have the most to benefit from an ocean with clean water, healthy abundant kelp, any many fish. I support the goals of the MLPA process as I feel the ocean and all its users will benefit if implemented in a fair way. Lapis 1: completely unacceptable. See my comments on specific individual MPA's in that section. This map is very restrictive of my very limited fishing opportunities as a kayak angler in San Diego County.		Lapis Proposal 1 contains an SMR that severely limits my ocean access to kelp beds. The proposed La Jolla 2 SMR is unacceptable to me as it is drawn. I am a kayak fisherman. As you should know by now, kayak fishermen have very limited access to the ocean. In San Diego County we have one legal beach we can drive oto to unload gear, and that is La Jolla Shores. It is also has a designed "boat launch" where we don't have to dodge surfers and swimmers. la Jolla, because of its unique geography also provides a sheltered launch with minimal surf. One of my kayak fishing buddies is 70 years old. he can launch at La Jolla shores. he would struggle to even get his kayak down to many of the other beaches in San Diego County because stairways, parking lot distance to the beach and launching through the surf provides a whole different set of difficulties and dangers at these other beaches.	
San Diego	257b	Tyler Webb		I have proposed alternative solutions or acceptable compromises to me as a fisherman an environmenntalist in my specific comments about individual MPAs in the proposal. Lapis 2 I have no complaints in San Diego County. The map provides many protected areas to help preserve our fisheries while still providing protection to habitat. Opal/Topaz: After the Santa Ana RSG meeting and public comment I was very happy to see 2 gem groups come to legitimate compromise maps. these two represent compromise and consensus tome. There were many complaints that some maps were too similar. I would argue that there are differences in the maps that would be substantial to many fishermen.		La Jolla also is a safe kayak fishing area for kids for all the safety reasons mentioned previously. The economic impact to the community of the La Jolla 2 SMR would also be large. As I have stated in previous submitted written commetns, recretational fishermen contribute a large amount to the local economy. Every time I go kayak fishing I use \$4500 worth of gear, all purchased at local brick and mortar stores. I own over \$10,000 worth of fishing and kayaking gear. I am not unique in the amount I have invested in the hobby. There are hundreds or thousands of kayak fishermen in Southern California with similar amounts invested.. For me personally, I would lose about 70% of my fishing grounds with the Lapis proposal 1 La Jolla 2 SMR. Because of this I would see more than a 70% reduction in fishin, and spending on fishing gear. there would be almost no point in fishing the little 30% area that is left for me.	

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San Diego	257c	Tyler Webb		For example, some proposed blue SMCAs were the same on the maps in location, but very different on take allowed. What about a fisherman that has a favorite spot in a reserve in one proposal, and the stop open in another? It would be tough to tell him the proposals are similar and will be combined as one. I argue the similar maps are because the different sides, even in the different gem groups, reached consensus. They reached a real middle group where as Ken Wiseman said quoting Sir Mick Jagger, "we can't always get what we want....but we just might get what we need". These maps aren't perfect for a fisherman, but they represent something I can live with and the massive consensus reached between the different sides within the gem groups has to be respected.		San Diego and Southern California is considered a hotbed or birthplace of modern kayak fishing and some of the leading retailers, innovators, and manufacturers in the world are located here. they would suffer, and our sport would suffer from closures, as they would struggle to remain in business. The ripples in the kayak community would be felt far beyond just the Southern California region as we are considered ground zero for kayak fishing innovation and new products. The economic impact would not be temporary. The closures are permanent and there are no plans to create new safe launch beaches for kayakers in San Diego to access the ocean to offset the potential La Jolla closure. The proposed La Jolla 2 SMR would unfairly deny us access to much of the kelp areas in which we like to fish. Other more mobile fishing groups like boaters would still have access to parts of the Imperial Beach, Pt. Loma,	
San Diego	257d	Tyler Webb		External Proposal A: This proposal allows ocean access for all angling groups. I feel it is the most fair in that respect, and does not disadvantage one group of ocean users over another. I like the SMRs in Del Mar Kelp and North Point Loma instead of La Jolla as it has less economic impact and less loss of angling opportunity yet still protects vital kelp habitat while still attempting to meet the science guidelines. External Proposal B: I wish some of the novel fisheries management guidelines in this proposal were implemented on a broader scale across all the different proposals. Slot limits work well in Florida and in the gulf for certain species, and I wish that progressive management tools like that could be applied here in a scientific way.		and Del Mar kelps in San Diego County, while kayakers would not. Since it is the best and for some, only kayak accessible kelp bed in San Diego County, I feel it is very unfair to close La Jolla to fishing, specifically kayak fishing. I would instead suggest a closure of Del Mar, Cardiff, or Imperial beach kelp beds in lieu of the proposed La Jolla 2 SMr. These areas would help a plan meet the science guidelines and minimum spacing requirements without unduly affecting kayakers, the most low impact fishing group. The alternatives I mentioned see some kayak pressure, but only from the experienced or the brave that go through the surf there. Further there are parking and beach access issues that further reduce the kayak fishing potential and access. Therefore I feel it would be best to leave La Jolla and the Scripps area as it stands right now because it is accessible to kayak fisherman of all ages, abilities, and skill levels.	
San Diego	258	John Hanson	San Diego	I oppose all the MPA proposals that call for Marine Reserves in the areas off La Jolla and Point Loma because of the adverse widespread economic impact such action will cause in the San Diego metropolitan region. Fishing and other recreational uses, such as diving, kayaking, and boating in the La Jolla and Pt. Loma areas have been important attractions for millions of residents and tourists who contribute substantially to the economy of San Diego. The La Jolla and Point Loma areas allow relatively easy access for these activities from nearby beaches via swimming and kayaks. The La Jolla area is adjacent to a large metro area and is one of the few spots where many kayakers, spearfishermen, and fishermen can fish for pelagic species, such as, yellowtail, bonito, white seabass, barracudas, etc. The economic impact of declaring reserves in La Jolla and Point Loma will be even more severe in these times of national and local economic hardship			
San Diego	259	John Hanson	San Diego	Round 2 Lapis 1 Draft MLPA Proposal	Pt. Conception to Mexican Border		

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San Diego	260	John Hanson	San Diego	Opal Draft	Pt. Conception to Mexican Border		If the La Jolla and Point Loma areas are closed under the MPLA I personally will lose nearly all of my current spear-fishing/diving recreational area and opportunities in the United States. Going into Mexico isn't a safe, reasonable alternative in the present World, and the fishery north of San Diego is not appealing since it lacks productivity, partially because of increased demands being put on it by metropolitan Los Angeles. In addition, I will no longer be making any economic contribution to the San Diego socio-economic infrastructure that provides a boat towing vehicle @ Mossey Toyota, gasoline for the towing vehicle and boat @ COSTCO, diving/spearfishing suits and supplies @ James and Joseph, Sport Chalet, Neptonics Systems, boat, boat-motor @ H&H marine, boat-trailer @AROS trailers boat service/repair/replacement @ Dan Perkin Marine Repair, that together average a total in excess of \$6000.00 yearly.
San Diego	261	John Hanson	San Diego	Topaz Draft	Pt. Conception to Mexican Border	As a charter boat fisherman this proposal would effectively sign my pink slip in this business that I know and love and work hard to maintain professional fishermen are indeed some of the greatest conservationists. There is no science associated with this proposal or the entire MPA legislation for that matter.	
San Diego	262	Mark Kleiter	Poway	Duplicate of SD-227 †			
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San Diego	265	Frank Price	San Diego	Duplicate of SD-230 †			
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San Diego	267	Brian Steeves	San Diego	Combination	Subregion 5	I support the closure of Del Mar and the Imperial Beach areas in return for the continued open use of the La Jolla and Pt. Loma areas. I believe this is a fair trade and enormous compromise on behalf of both groups. It will devastate the local economy as well as tourism that come specifically to enjoy fishing in La Jolla and Pt. Loma areas.	

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San Diego	268	Eric Stewart	San Diego	Lapis 2	Subregion 5	I support La Jolla and Pt. Loma remaining open to all fishing. I suggest closures at Del Mar (SMR) and Imperial Beach to satisfy MLPA requirements.	
San Diego	269	Brian Steeves	San Diego	Revised Ext. Prop A - Supporter	Subregion 7	I support the Rev. Ext. Prop. A with the exception to make the Blue Cavern a SMCA because us shore divers without a boat and camping at Two Harbors will no longer have a safe shore diving/spearfishing location. Thank you for understanding.	
San Diego	270	Brian Steeves	San Diego	Revised Ext. Prop B - Support	Subregion 4	I support the Revised External Proposal B	
San Diego	271	Eric Stewart	San Diego	Revised External Proposal A (Support)	Subregion 7	I support Rev. Ext. Proposal A with the exception that Blue Cavern remain an SMCA NOT an SMR.	
San Diego	272	Eric Stewart	San Diego	Revised External Proposal B (Support)	Subregion 4	I support revised Ext. Proposal B.	
San Diego	273	Joseph Bishop	San Diego	Lapis 2 draft	La Jolla	I am a kayak fisherman. We are an extremely conservation minded group. Our only decent launch is La Jolla shores. This proposal seems to be the best for our group, especially with regards to safety.	
San Diego	274	Joseph Bishop	San Diego	Lapis 1 Draft	La Jolla	As a kayak fisherman, La Jolla represents the safest boat launch in San Diego. This draft essentially takes away an older gentleman's only chance to launch. Especially important for returning to shore in swell.	
San Diego	275	Nathan Price	San Diego	Duplicate of SD-231 †			
San Diego	276	Nathan Price	San Diego	Duplicate of SD-231 †			
San Diego	277	Dang Vu	San Diego	Revised External Proposal B	Mia J Tegner SCMA	This is an excellent proposal. I think if it strikes the right balance between conservation and socio-economic concerns. It should not go further than 1 nm from shore as most of the kelp lies in that area, and fishing can still be accomplished relatively close.	
San Diego	278	Dang Vu	San Diego	Lapis 1	La Jolla SMR 2	I believe La Jolla SMR 2 is the wrong choice due to the vast amount of fishermen using that area coming out from Mission Bay. This area is well known for producing a decent fishery and taking this away will cause a huge loss for recreational fishing. The tourism in Mission Bay will also decline if this is closed. SMR 2 is a prime spot for 1/2 day sportboats taking tourists out fishing.	
San Diego	279	Bob Crane	Encinitas	Duplicate of SD-195 †			
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San Diego	283	Bob Crane	Encinitas	Duplicate of SD-195 †			
San Diego	284	S. Crane	Encinitas	Lapis 2		Would Del Mar SMR prevent dredging for sand replenish elsewhere in North San Diego County? If so I oppose this. This area has been identified as a mjaor source of sand by SANDAG, 4 million cubic yards.	
San Diego	285	R. Crane	Encinitas	Lapis 2	Del Mar	Del Mar is one of th ebest sites for sand capture as part of the SANDAG beach replenish program. A SMR designation would not let this be a source for this important San diego Project. Find a way to avoid this result.	
San Diego	286	R. Crane	Encinitas	Opal	Del Mar	Concerned about having Del Mar as a SR if it prevents dredging sand for sand restoration. This area has been identified by SANDAG as the best source of beach quality sand - 4 million cubic yards.	
San Diego	287	R. Crane	Encinitas	Revised Proposal B	Del Mar	Del Mar has been identified by SANDAG as the best source of sand for beach replenishment in North San Diego County. A SMR designation would make its use or take of sand not possible. You need to avoid this result.	
San Diego	288	R. Crane	Encinitas	Lapis 1	Encinitas	Encinitas needs sand on its beaches and it is planned to add sand in 2011. Want to assure that the conservation area designation will not prevent taking sand or placing it on the beach.	
San Diego	289	B. Crane	Encinitas	Revised Proposal A	Del Mar	Sand replenishment is important for the North San Diego Conty cities. Designations need to avoid both taking sand for this purpose and placing sand at the beach SANDAG has identified Del Mar as the best source for sand. 4 million cubic yards. Encinitas needs sand badly so important not have Encinitas designated as a reserved conservation area.	
San Diego	290	Becky Twohey	San Diego	Lapis 2 (and Topaz)		SMR around Del Mar??? Why? Not much critical habitat compared to la Jolla/ Scripps per (like Lapis 1)	
San Diego	291	Becky Twohey	San Diego	Opal	San Diego	There seems to be a real lack of protected area in San Diego - La Jolla! like the SMR in Tijuana River Mouth.	
San Diego	292	Martin C. Harding	Encinitas	External Proposal A		I support for the accessiblity aspect of keeping La Jolla open - safe launch, for kids, adults and the disabled. Also, semi-protected in case of sudden bad weather. Kayakers are zero to low impact, and we support our environment and repsect nature - we make sure to not leave a footprint!	

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San Diego	293	Martin C. Harding	Encinitas	Lapis 1		Do not agree with Lapis 1 because it advocates the closure of La Jolla (SMR2) La Jolla is the only safe and secure, accessible beach launch. An option - create an artificial reef at Del Mar and make Del Mar a reserve.	
San Diego	294	William Vitale	San Diego	Duplicate of SD-216 †			
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San Diego	296	Eric Friz	Carlsbad	La Jolla 2 SMR		Cut the no take zone in half and allow fishing in the northern quadrant. Eliminating this area completely would wipe out us local kayak fishermen.	
San Diego	297	Eric Friz	Carlsbad		La Jolla 1 & 2	Closures are not conservation, limits based upon population of species is. I have fished La Jolla for over 25 years and there have never been more white sea bass and yellowtail! Create no take times of the year - slot limits and base takes on true biology. Kayak fishermen are true conservationists and have a very small footprint. Impose laws on commercial who wipe out whole schools of fish.	
San Diego	298	Steve Aceti	Encinitas	Revised External B		For proposed SMRs at Agua Hedionda Lagoon, San Dieguito Lagoon, Del Mar, and for SMCA's proposed for Del Mar, Ocean Beach and for SMP's proposed for Batiquitos Lagoon, San Elijo Lagoon - allow for sand removal for beach restoration projects, especially in Del Mar where SANDAG has identified a mjaor source of sand for dredging and placement on shore.	
San Diego	299	Steve Aceti	Encinitas	Revised External A		For proposed SMRS at Batiquitos Lagoon, San Elijo Lagoon, San Dieguito Lagoon, Del Mar, and Oneonta Slough. Allow for sand removal for beach restoration projects, especially in Del Mar where SANDAG has identified a major source of sand for dredging and placemetn on shores.	
San Diego	300	Steve Aceti	Encinitas	Topaz 2		For proposed SMRs at Agua Hedionda Lagoon, San Elijo Lagoon, San Dieguito Lagoon, Del Mar, Ocean Beach and Tijuana Estuary; as well as proposed SMCA's at SWAMIs , Los Penasquitos marsh, Ocean Beach and Imperial Beach - allow for sand removal for beach restoration projects, especially in Del Mar where SANDAG has identified a mjaor source of sand for dredging and placement on shore.	

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San Diego	301	Steve Aceti	Encinitas	Opal 2	South Coast Study Region	For proposed SMR's at Batiquitos Lagoon, Del Mar, San Dieguito, Penasquitos, Sunset Cliffs and Tijuana River Mouth, as well as SMCA's at Encinitas, San Diego - Scripps, Ocean Beach & Tijuana Reef - Allow for sand removal for beach and restoration projects, especially in Del Mar where SANDAG has identified a major source of sand for dredging and placement on shores.	
San Diego	302	Steve Aceti	Encinitas	Lapis 2	Subregion 5	For proposed SMR's at Agua Hedionda, Batiquitos Lagoon, San Elijo Lagoon, San Dieguito Lagoon, Del Mar and Penasquitos Lagoon - allow for sand removal for beach restoration project; especially in Del mar where SANDAG has identified a major source of sand for dredging and pumping on shore. Same for Tijuana Estuary and River Mouth.	
San Diego	303	Steve Aceti	Encinitas	Lapis 1	Subregion 5	For proposed SMR's at Agua Hedionda, Batiquitos Lagoon, San Elijo Lagoon, San Dieguito Lagoon, and Penasquitos Lagoon and the SMCA at Swami's - San Elijo - Allow for sand removal for beach restoration projects especially at Swami's - San Elijo same with respect to Tijuana Estuary and River Mouth.	
San Diego	304	Trevor Blaun	San Diego	Lapis 2 Draft MPA Proposal		I support the Lapis 2 proposal as is.	
San Diego	305	Trevor Blaun	San Diego	Lapis 1	La Jolla 2 SMR	As a kayak based angler, the La Jolla 2 SMR in the Lapis 1 proposal eliminates the majority of the fishing grounds accessible via kayak when launching from the sheltered launch at Avendia de la Playa.	
San Diego	306	Larry Asakawa	La Jolla	Lapis 1	La Jolla	I strongly oppose Lapis 1. It will eliminate most fishing and spearfishing opportunities from La Jolla encourage unnatural harbor seal expansion (a shark hazard for swimmers, divers, and surfers) and hurt marine businesses throughout San Diego.	
San Diego	307	Larry Asakawa	La Jolla	La Jolla	La Jolla	I strongly oppose any expansion of the La Jolla SMR. It will restrict traditional fishing and spearfishing access, encourage harbor seal numbers (and shark attacks) and harm local businesses that have income from fishermen and spearfishing freedivers.	
San Diego	308	Dustin McIntyre	San Diego	Revised external Prop B	Subregion 5	Out of the 6 proposals this one is more spearfishing friendly. My family and I would have better access in La Jolla. I wish there would still be access to Sunset Cliffs. The proposal would eliminate any shorediving/ lobster diving in that area which is now used abundantly with little eco impact.	
San Diego	309	Dustin McIntyre	San Diego	Revised External Prop A	Subregion 7	Support w/exception: Blue Cavern should be an SMCA.	

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San Diego	310	Carl Stewart	San Diego	revised External Prop B		I am in support of this proposal! We need to have the "blue" areas. We will accomplish management goals without destroying livelihoods and lifestyles. Also we will be able to compare the results of the blue and red zones with something resembling scientific method, not just blanket closures resulting from emotion and naivete.	
San Diego	311	Carl Stewart	San Diego	Lapis 2 - Draft MPA Proposal	Carlsbad, CA/Mexico border	I would be willing to support this proposal with the provision that surf fishing be allowed in the area of Torrey Pines Beach. Even if it's strictly catch and release. This is one of the few areas of sandy beach readily accessible to anglers for nites both north and south. The fish can readily access these areas however, enabling them to maintain an already healthy population.	
San Diego	312	Dennis Kilian	San Diego	Duplicate of SD-234 †			
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San Diego	314	Gail Powell	San Diego	Famosa Slough SMR	San Diego Region	Question: "As a friend of Famosa Slough, could the MLPA also dictate "no dogs allowed - either leashed or unleashed" predation by loose or unleashed dogs has harmed or killed endangered bird, sea life and rehabilitated areas and there is no enforcement by City or Park and Rec. Officials"	
San Diego	315	Gail Powell	Imperial Beach	Oneonta Slough	San Diego (south bay)	Re: Proposed Oneonta MLPA Slough: Will it be affected by pollution in the Tijuana River area.	
San Diego	316	Scott Sherman	San Diego	Revised External Prop A	Study Region	I strongly support revised External A please see attached comments.	
San Diego	317	Tyler Roges	San Diego	Draft MPA Proposal Topaz	San Diego River	I wuld like to strongly suggest that you implement Draft Marine Protection Act Proposal Topaz. I am deeply concerned about the state of the world's oceans and this propasal would be the most protective of our California's Marine Wildlife.	
San Diego	318	Chris Fieno	San Diego	Lapis 1	So. Cal	Lapis 1 would devistate the kayak fishing heritage and sport. The launch we need is off Ave. de la Playa for safety. Pushing kayakers 3 miles off shore is not safe.	
San Diego	319	Peter Thompson	San Diego	Duplicate of SD-174 †			

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San Diego	320	Corey Wyrick	San Diego	Lapis 1	La Jolla 2 SMR	In addition to my commetns previously submitted on another sheet, I would like to add two additional ideas that could produce a compromise regarding La Jilla 2 SMR. I previously suggested shfting this area to the south by 1/2 - 1 miles to accommodate our productive kayak fishing grounds, but two other possibilities would produce an acceptable outcome for kayak fishermen. If La Jolla 2 SMR could be reclassified as an SMCA or SMP which would allow for the take of pelagic fin fish including yellowtail, white seabass, and halibut, I would be happy with that. I thnk this idea might make a compromise more likely in the event that an additional MPA in La Jolla moves forward.	
San Diego	321	Nick Menas	La Jolla	MLPA Round 2 Revised External proposal B	South Coast Study Region	this is the only proposal that does not directly impact the activities of the public. All other restrictive and unacceptable.	
San Diego	322	Victor Vasquez	San Diego	Round 2 Lapis Draft MPA Proposal	La Jolla 1 & 2 SMR	Please keep the 2 areas listed as State Marine Reserves. Way too much scientific significance to tamper with this area. Many years of studies as well as unique habitat makes this a must keep protected area as part if this decision making process. Thanks for taking the time to read this commentary.	
San Diego	323	Kurt Schinder	San Diego	Lapis 1	La Jolla 2 SMR	As a kayak fisherman, this SMR would take away the only SAFE launch spot in San Diego County for kayak fishermen. If the northern boundary could be shifted south 1 mile/1.5 miles, it might be more acceptable.	
San Diego	324	Alberto Silebi	San Diego	External A or B		I prefer External B or A.	
San Diego	325	Christopher Davis	La Jolla	Proposal B		less of Catalina, Palos Verdes, and OB needs to be taken.	
San Diego	326	Boyd Elden	Imperial Beach	Proposal B or A		I am in favor of Proposal B. I need access to Pt. Loma and La Jolla for my kayak stuff or I will not be able to fish, any compromises that include white seabass, yellowtail and lobster will help sweeten the deal and make partial (blue) closures more acceptable.	
San Diego	327	Volker Hoene	San Diego	Ex. A			
San Diego	328	John Otto	San Diego	External Proposal A		I support External Proposal A. What I really don't understand why the government chooses now to get involved. As fishermen we've made reefs, helped improve fish stalks, we don't want to mess up our coast like the East Coast. Just closing areas doesn't work La Jolla been closed for 30 plus years is it better or has anybody even studied it maybe see if that worked first.	

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San Diego	329	Renee Owens	San Diego		near Ca/Mexico border	As a wildlife biologist education in marine biology and chair of the Sierra Club's Conservation Committee, I am very disappoonited to see that none of the proposals include a much larger SMR adjacent to the Tijuana River Estuary and River Mouth!! California has lost over 90% of our estuaries, and I shouldnt' have to tell the RSG how vital the remaining estuaries are to our natural heritage. there can be no great "compromise" that will bring back these lost estuaries, and thus establishing a much LARGER than mapped reserve is crucial to CA. To summarize I'd like to see a MPA - a Reserve- that truly promises to help keep the Tijuana River shed mouth preserved with true conservative initiative.	
San Diego	330	Vern Hall	Solana Beach	External Propsal A		Keep Pt. Loma and la Jolla open to fishermen.	
San Diego	331	John McMahon	Del Mar	Duplicate of SD-191 †			
San Diego	332	Nathan Jovin	San Diego	Duplicate of SD-205 †			
San Diego	333	Justin McNight	Imperial Beach	Revised External Proposal A		is one of the better maps if you can move La Jolla south and leave La Jolla like existing MPAs (proposal O) Please do not close La Jolla My kids love to fish La Jolla	
San Diego	334	John Principato	El Cajon	Duplicate of SD-208 †			
San Diego	335	Julia Coates	San Diego	Opal and Topaz	Carslb主d - Border	I would be pelased to see some extenstions of reserve coverage in La Jolla from just the existing reserve at the cove and therefore prefer the Opal and Topaz proposals. I am dosappointed to not see a little more coverage at South Pt. Loma where densities of urchins, abalone, sheedhead, etc. are higher than in the north but at least the Opal and Topaz proposals give some expansion of the Tegner Reserve.	
San Diego	336	Ron Cummings	San Diego	Round 2 Revision B		Acceptable.	
San Diego	337	Mary Grathowski	San Diego			I would like you to take into consideration which proposal will not impact the community. Many ideas will hurt our kayak fishing sport along with putting many people out of work. Find other means to preserve rather than destroy.	

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San Diego	338	Ryan Sweeney	San Diego		Sub region 5	Keep Pt. Loma and La Jolla open because.....1) Traveling further to reach fishing grounds burns more fuel - leaves more carbon footprint 2) These areas are healthier and can better support the more crowded fishing pressure 3) Shore based anglers and kayakers need these areas. PS. I'll be really pissed if my fishing licens fees ae allocated to pay for closures initiated by private interest eco groups that disregard adequate scientific data.	
San Diego	339	Diana Lopez	Chula Vista	Duplicate of SD-217 †			
San Diego	340	Thomas Wardin	Solana Beach	External proposal A		This is the one I would prefer to choose.	
San Diego	341	Chad Reed	El Cajon	Duplicate of SD-192 †			
San Diego	342	William Fender	Del Mar	Revised External Proposal B	Subregion 5	This proposal seems to balance habitat preservation in sensitive areas with recreational fishing along the San Diego Coast. I support an approach which limits SMR's and is adaptive to the improvements in the marine environment. Suggest imposing limits on commercial sportfishing as data indicates. These limits are already part of DFG activities.	
San Diego	343	Jeff Klin	San Diego		Subregion 5	As a kayak fisherman I have enjoyed many days in La Jolla sportfishing. Any proposal that restricts or closes fishing in that area is unacceptable. This takes away from my personal enjoyment on the weekends along with thousands of dollars from the local economy. Specifically boats that cater to sport fishing will be greatly impacted if not closed for business. Please consider these aspects when considering actions that will forever change fishing in San Diego. La Jolla is the only accessible area for big game fishing on kayaks. Keep it open to the public!	
San Diego	344	John Schad	Encinitas	Lapis 1		Oppose this proposal because it would create a conservation area in Encinitas making it difficult or impossible for sand replenishment.	
San Diego	345	James Finnell	San Diego	External Proposal B	Carlsbad - Mexico	I am a strong advocate and supporter of External Proposal B. I have fished for years in La Jolla and would like to see External B to be in effect.	
San Diego	346	Sarah Finnell	San Diego	External Proposal B		My husband and his friends spend absurd amounts of money fishing the San Diego Coast - that is a ton of revenue the county will lose if these areas are not available to be fished. We will actually probably move out of the county if the coast areas are closed to fishing.	
San Diego	347	Pat Powers	Encinitas	Duplicate of SD-188 †			

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San Diego	348	Rod Hepburn	Ramona	Lapis 1 - NO	La Jolla	This is bad for me. I swim between Casa and the cove in La Jolla and any increase in seal population is potentially lethal due to increase of predators - SHARKS!!	
San Diego	349	Shawn Patterson	Ocean Beach		5	Closing La Jolla / Pt. Loma would be extremely harsh to the local economy. La Jolla/ Pt. Loma are the closest areas to Mission Beach and San Diego Bay marinas. Del Mar is not easily accessible by land and further away. Myself as a spearo take minimal fish anyway. Spearshack fishing gear in Ocean Beach will no doubt be out of business if you close down these 2 areas. Mark Morgans dad is on the edge of dying and Mark depends on that income to make hospital bills. Closing either area will no doubt push more of the business out of San Diego area. the La Jolla/ Pt. Loma areas are the only places I can go. We make little environmental impact and most of us contribute to HUBBS white seabass program anyway. Leave them open. You don't even have enough money to run or enforce this program. California is hurting. If you close this area I will lose my only form of exercise since I was hit by a drunk driver in '06.	
San Diego	350	Tommy Robinson	University City	La Jolla Kelp		Working in La Jolla for a kayak company puts me on the chopping block if this proposal goes through. I would most definitely be laid off because of loss of business. La Jolla is a vital part of my entire income.	
San Diego	351	Patricia Adams	San Diego	Duplicate of SD-197 †			
San Diego	352	Michael Mesri	La Jolla			Lapis 1 proposal - does not make any sense closing La Jolla altogether. Why not limit the take more? Lapis 2 makes a lot more sense. Opal and Topaz drafts also make more sense. Please do not close La Jolla. That's a way of living and sustaining a family for us.	
San Diego	353	Mark Adams	San Diego	Duplicate of SD-198 †			
San Diego	354	Gary Sullivan	Spring Valley	round 2 revised external proposal A	La Jolla	Please leave this area just as it is. This is the only fishing grounds easily available for me to access with my kayak.	
San Diego	355	Drew Clark	Vista	External B	La Jolla	By protecting consumptive use in La Jolla we protect several business interests who rely on the pelagic fishing found there. Were La Jolla to be closed I would no longer have reason to purchase kayaks, fishing licenses or gear and would probably consider relocation. My recreation is important and the few fish taken each year provide food for my family.	
San Diego	356	Eric Disque	Oceanside	Duplicate of SD-201 †			

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San Diego	357	Grant Milbrand	San Diego	Lapis 1 draft MPA proposal	La Jolla 2 SMR	The La Jolla 2 SMR Marine reserve is excessive and unacceptable. Please please please do not take away the ability to fish for pelagics i.e. white sea bass and yellowtail in this area. To do so would not only cripple the local economy it would destroy the cultural heritage in La Jolla. Size limits and reduced bag limits are the answer.	
San Diego	358	John White	San Diego	Opal and Lapis	San Diego	In the Lapis draft I am concerned about the La Jolla 1 SMR. This would cause grave financial hardship to our charter and tackle business in Mission Bay. Our charter fleet is 80% catch and release. The proposed closures in Opal would minimize damage to our shop. If the BRTF were to combine Opal and Lapis it would devastate our business, not to mention those are the areas I fish 80% of the time (100% catch and release on non pelagics)	
San Diego	359	Derek Reed	Carlsbad	Duplicate of SD-249 †			
San Diego	360	Eric Pugh	San Diego	Lapis 1		The closure of the La Jolla fishing grounds will affect me by not being able to catch pelagic fish. I fish from a kayak and this is the only place I can get to. I will no longer be able to fish here. I would also like to take my daughter fishing here one day. I spend thousands of \$ to local retailers to support my fishing. It is also great exercise to keep me healthy. I would much rather see Lapis 2 in effect. Please do not close La Jolla fishing grounds down!!	
San Diego	361	Anthony Lutkis	San Diego	Revised Proposal External 2 b	Aqua Hedlonda to CA/Mexico Border	I believe that this proposal is the perfect win-win situation some areas are closed for habitat rehabilitation and some are open for fishing.	
San Diego	362	Dave Easton	San Diego	Lapis 1 draft		I am a kayak fisherman. Eliminating La Jolla will essentially prevent me from my catch and release practice there and take out of any safe launching areas. Kayakers might accept shaving off part of the proposal or moving it a little bit south.	
San Diego	363	Josh Muller	San Diego	Proposal B	Subregion 5	I agree most with this proposal. I would suggest a green zone for all areas.	
San Diego	364	Richard Brown	San Diego	Revised External Proposal B	7	As a recreational boater - who travels the channel islands almost every summer, I feel Proposal B is too restrictive. It would make it very difficult for us 3-4 people to live off the gear on our annual vacation. We support the existing Proposal O.	

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San Diego	365	Craig Rothok	La Jolla	Revised External Proposal B		I think revised external proposal B best represents the type of conservation necessary to ensure protection of marine life while at the same time, allowing minimal interference with fishing. The majority of the fisherman that I know fish local kelp beds are strictly catch and release. I feel as if protecting the proposed areas without completely closing them will result in the best case scenario. I think stricter "catch limits" will help deter commercial fishing while still protecting your average catch and release recreational fisherman such as myself.	
San Diego	366	Patrick Moevich	San Diego	Duplicate of SD-214 †			
San Diego	367	Dennis Kilian	San Diego	Duplicate of SD-234 †			
San Diego	368	Greg Jones	La Jolla	Lapis 1	La Jolla	I oppose Lapis because it would wipe out human fishing; I've been pole fishing with my sons since they were preschool at Wipeout and Windsea beach. Meanwhile, seals eat 16 lbs. a day. We should be able to fish too. All kayaks, free rivers, half day boats would be banned - that's silly!! Free access for all including seals. But lifeguards, fish and game, police, Fed. intervention. there are more than enough rules and regulations. leave it alone.	
San Diego	369	Jerry Freer	San Diego			I'm happy with the idea of a preserve as long as the access to the only beach that I surf is not compromised. It is only 200 yards from the children's pool in La Jolla and the increase in seal population threatens to expand to my beach and they would pup where I enter the water.	
San Diego	370	Rob Peterson	San Diego	Duplicate of SD-219 †			
San Diego	371	Gary Brown	Imperial Beach		Carlsbad, CA - Mexico	Please ensure that fishing, surfing, scuba diving, and other recreational activities are allowed from the northern boundary of IB to the southern end of Seacoast Drive. Also allow off-shore dredging for sand replenishment on IB Beaches.	
San Diego	372	John Volker	La Jolla	La Jolla SMR & SMCA, External A & B		Do not restrict recreational fishing - particularly spearfishing.	
San Diego	373	Rick Osanai	San Diego	Duplicate of SD-252 †			
San Diego	374	Alex Khalil	San Diego	External A	South Coast	I strongly support External A. I strongly oppose Lapis 1 as it adversely affects all fishing in the La Jolla area while at the same time does not allow fish populations to grow because it will cause increases in the seal population, which ultimately impacts fish and environment much more than fishing.	

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San Diego	375	Bob Kruger	Vista	Duplicate of SD-226 †			
San Diego	376	Jose Santiago	San Diego	Lapis 1		La Jolla 2 SMR is a very popular spot for spearfishing visibility is the best of all spot in San Diego. Spearfishermen respect and chose carefully on what to take, we do very little damage to the sea life there. There are many people for example college students people who lost their jobs or having hard time finding money for food go to look for food for the week.	
San Diego	377	Don Irvine	San Diego	External Propsal A		Given the need for a higher degree of marine protection, I support External A. It provides improved protection while still providing some access to fishing areas by those in small inexpensive boats like mine. Many of the other proposals include La Jolla South. if both it and the Pt. Loma/Sunset Cliffs area are off limits, I may as well gie up fishing. I can't safely go any further. I am a retired firefighter.	
San Diego	378	Thomas	San Diego			Question: Is it cleared with every place in Fish and Game or is it completely run by Sacramento??	
San Diego	379	Jason Swarthout	Carlsbad	Round 2 Revised External Proposal A	5	This proposal makes the most sense to me, as I live in this area and have enjoyed th easy access and very productive recreational fishing it has to offer 20 plus years. I primarily fish from a kayak now and closing down areas, such as La Jilla would dramatically decrease my opportunities for providing my family with fresh seafood and the enjoyment of doing what I love to od. I could go on about the effects it would have on the local economy, but that seems pretty obvious. Thank you for your time and effort to realize the negative outcome closing this area down would cause.	
San Diego	380	Phil Estill	Carslbad	Round 2 Revised External A	La Jolla SMR	I like that it gives me access to beach at La Jolla because I kayak fish and that beachhead has the smallest waves with fish within a 7 mile reach.	
San Diego	381	Amur Haseuin	San Diego	Revised External Proposal B		Of all the proposals, this one is the most acceptable. It is more fairly balanced between what the community wants and what the environmentalists want. Both of the MPA proposals have too strict restrictions on the La Jolla area.	
San Diego	382	B. Robinson	San Diego	Lapis 2 MPA, Revised External B, Cabrillo SMR, Sunset Cliffs, La Jolla SMR		We are 3 generations which boat fish, dive and spear. We enjoy all areas listed above. If this takes place we would sell the boat and leave. My wife said "You could stay at home and save over \$14,000/year.	
San Diego	383	Al Hussainy	El Cajon	FIC/FIN	Ext. A	I support this proposal as it is based on true science and developed with both recreational and commercial input. This proposal best represents the interests of the people of Southern California.	

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San Diego	384	Margaret Beuchamp	San Diego	External A and Lapis 2	South Coast	I am a kayak fisherwoman. I want the recommendations for the External A map into the Lapis 2 map to limit closures to La Jolla for kayak fishing.	
San Diego	385	Jim Lambert	San Diego	External A & Lapis 2 maps		I am a kayak fisherman. Please incorporate the external A map into the Lapis 2 map to limit closures to La Jolla for kayak fishing.	
San Diego	386	Paul Elder	San Diego	Lapis 1 & 2 SMP		Size limits, reduced bag limits. No need for blanket closures. If any species is in danger, make it off limits. Most fisherpeople only want yellowtail, white seabass, halibut and maybe calico. Will commercial interest be able to gill net outside of the reserves?	
San Diego	387	David Hornback	La Jolla	Duplicate of SD-244 †			
San Diego	388	Marco Hotch	La Jolla	Lapis 1		As an avid diver and fisherman I feel this proposal offers the best protection for our marine resources. I currently spearfish and kayak fish many areas that will be closed but I'm ok with that.	
San Diego	389	Mike Farris	Santee	External Proposal A & B	South coast	La Jolla - limit protected to the extreme southern end to the entrance to Mission Bay. Pt Loma - limit protected areas south of the Ocean Beach Pier to the College. IB - limit closure areas to the extreme south end of the kelp. SD Bay - external A & B are ok. I like catch and release areas for the South of the Coronado Bridge. No live bait, barbed hooks, etc.	
Laguna Beach Beach	390	Greg O'Loughlin	Laguna Beach	All Draft Proposals-Are missing an existing preserve in South Laguna between Table Rock and Camel Point(South of Aliso Creek) I was not expecting to lose a named preserved through this process. All Draft Proposals-Reserves (in red) lack reserve protection for all of Laguna beach. I live above Table Rock and I would like to see a reserve cover the entire city borders of Laguna Beach. External Proposal C- is missing from these maps. I have to hope that the SAT will still consider this as a better starting point as None of the proposals posted here today seem to meet the minimum SAT requirements. Thanks for the opportunity to give feedback.		External Proposal B is almost a joke with its lack of protections-should have been tossed when ext. prop. C went downstream.	Great improvements from what I saw on the Central Coast. I am concerned that the stakeholder group is so heavily loaded with consumptive users but I am trusting this system to allow that strong representation up front, followed by serious conservation later in the process.
Laguna Beach Beach	391	Barbara Brown	Laguna Beach	Specific Recommendation: I believe that all of Laguna Beach should be declared an SMR. Laguna is unique in so many ways that it is the perfect location to create an environment where we can give the Marine Life an opportunity to regenerate. Laguna's #1 industry is tourism-not fishing. I want to see our coastline protected-we owe this to future generations.			

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Laguna Beach	392	Mary Rabe	Laguna Beach	Topaz Draft Proposal is the best proposal I have seen when looking at the proposals given. It is not only important to maintain and increase preservation of the existing sea animals and the opportunity to maintain the tourist industry for the coastal area spear fishing should definitely be forbidden. The greatest liability of spear fishing is not only the loss of existing marien life, but the very likely possibility that a person snorkeling will get hurt by a spear used by someone using it and the city will be sued by the person injured. Hopefully the decision will be made not only for tourists, marine life and kelp beds, but also to avoid possible liabilities to the cities involved.			
Laguna Beach	393/ 477	Bryan Menne	Laguna Beach	Also see 477 PD.2 Opal- Too restrictive to Laguna Beach & Catalina Island. Reasonable for Laguna Beach would be to take SMR from Divers Cove to Woods Cove.		Round 2 Lapiz& Topaz 2- Too restrictive & ban's Laguna fishing & Spearfishing which is too punitive & doesn't reflect our healthy fish populations in north & south Laguna. External A & External B - Are more realistic options to preserve human's right to provide fresh fish/protein for their families under the existing fishing license program run by the Fish & Game Dept of CA.	Specific streets should be referenced of start & stop limits of SMRS in Laguna on each alternative.
Laguna Beach	394	Pat Halman-Menne	Laguna Beach	Yes on External proposal A. Less LB coastline. I support the basic concept of the MLPA. And I understand the environmental piece in protecting the habitat. I have a 10 year old son that needs a healthy planet-for years to come. I do not support any plan that would severely restrict the entire coastline within the Laguna Beach City Limit- I am against the proposal by our city council representatives. I do not support the MLPA-with a no take zone from the north Crescent Bay down including Heisler Parkand main beach area to the south only. The public masses that are uneducated do need to have some control and these heavily visited areas would be the natural area to designate. It is also a highly visable area that would be easeier to police & control. I support no Hawaiian Slings= also as a measure.			
Laguna Beach	395	Jeff Bradley	Aliso Viejo	Laguna SMR proposal- Laguna Beach Coastline Closure Proposal- While driving down the coast I saw no one fishing the wind is howling and the water cold- I did see lots of empty shops. Your hotels are suffering, landlords are struggling, your restaurants are folding, your highschool has a drug problem, and yet you tried to secretly pass a bill to outlaw any fishing along the coast. Seems to be an incredible waste of time when your city has real problems to solve. You have no scientific data to close the shoreline, but you ignore financial data. You, City Council, should be soliciting information and ideas from shop owners, landlords's restaurant owners, business owners ect. on what should be done to encouage tourism, bring more revenue & income to this city. What an incredible wast of time, money, and resources. I would hope that this awful proposal based purely on emotio and greed will never see the light of day!			
Laguna Beach	396	William Loribee	Mission Viejo	I support proposal A, I am not in agreement with any of the other proposals. I would also like to know why more focus is not placed on water qualityand management. More danger is done by sewage spills and lack of water treatment than by recreational fishermen.			
Laguna Beach	397	Wayne Johnson	San Juan Capistrano	OPAL- A reasonable proposal for many uses and concerns. As a kayak fisherman, I am limited to fishing areas that are close to suitable launching sites. Leave Dana Pt. & Doheny Beach open to recreational fishing.			

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Laguna Beach	398	B. Pichedy	Laguna Beach	When you make your decision please stick to the science and go with a "preferred size" reserve in Laguna Beach!			
Laguna Beach	399	Ron Fogarty	Laguna Beach	1. I would like to propose area from Crescent Beach North to Emerald Bay for No take areas. 2. Catalina-Farnworth Bank& No take. 3. Point Loma- 3 mile area - North Mission Bay No take. I've been fishing here 35 years. In Laguna do all catch & release of all Bass. As will A's Catching & Release Act San Clemente & Catalina. Also only take legal size White Sea Bass & Yellow Tail. If closing all of Laguna Beach would b a devastation to all sport fishing by closing Large 6 mile area. I can-----with 3 mile areas.			
Laguna Beach	400	John Koche	Capistrano Beach	As a first time participant in the MLPA initiative process I am inclined to support the Opal proposal. My concerns are focused on my local MPA's that are important recreational fisheries (Dana Point & La Jolla) I feel that Opal (or a version close to that description) will allow for the near shore recreational access kayak anglers need to pursue their passion and protects key habitats. I may change my course after additional review and debate, but I think the approach defined in opal (assuming it allows for unrestricted launch access) will achieve the goals set forth by the MLPA. It is important in my opinion that the final proposal is born out of the work of the MLPA stakeholder groups, and for that reason, I am not currently endorsing any of the external proposals, though they may be more desirable for my needs.		La Jolla SMR- Kayak launch access is a critical component to include in this area. Laguna south SMCA-Allow for fin fish recreational take & unrestricted kayak launch areas.	As a stakeholder representing the kayak angling group and a first time participant the MLPA initiative I see great potential in the process. My interest are to conserve the resources without restricting areas to productive near shore fisheries
Laguna Beach	401	Brett Weinberg	San Clemente	I support external proposal A. This process seems like a rushed decision that allows no flexibility in the future. I've been a part of amazing fish stock recovers in my lifetime from cod to striped bass. All of these were based on plans for finite amounts of time vs. this which ----- Based on this logic A ----- the smallest effected area & therefore a better chance to evaluate & adapt a program I am strongly against round 2 Lapis 1&2 these essential ruin one of your great resources in Southern California and allows little chance to make changes as things change. Thank you, Brett Weinberg			
Laguna Beach	402	David Myers	Dana Point	I am concerned that so much area is being considered initially. Most processes develop and those people who manage them learn as things develop. Jumping too dramatical, may cut-off some of the opportunities to manage, learn, and make changes. I support external proposal B because it seems to look at management of areas as well a closures , rather than just closing a resource and ignoring the opportunity to stay engaged and try to improve the resource.			
Laguna Beach	403	Cody Annett	Costa Mesa	External proposal A is by far the most well thought out, researched and obvious choice: The number of years allocated to this research is extensive due to the fact that many have over 30-50 years of experience with the ocean and its habitat. Multiply that by the number of members and it is astronomical.in the real life experience needed to fulfill the SAT guidelines as were as the socioeconomic goals. I will keep it simple. Do the right thing for all watermen not just the special interest groups. Thank You..			

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Laguna Beach	404	Ariel Heyman	Laguna Beach/Claremont/ Goleta	I like the Topaz proposal for Orange County, and the Opal draft for agua Hed. CA/Mexico border. I want to see estuaries, marshes and sloughs connected to MPA's. Examples are Malibu; Goleta Slough; San Diego bay & Sweetwater Marsh. I want to see swaths of ecosystem transitions protected in this way. Maybe fewer areas that are much larger would be more ecologically effective. I want to see water pollution initiatives working hard in hard with this. Finally: more areas! More protection! Further out!			Why isn't my right to see a lovely protected area considered as important as a recreational fisherman's right to fish?
Laguna Beach	405	Gregory Lloyd	Laguna Beach	I am in full favor & support of Draft MPA proposals. I would like to protect the unique underwater life for myself and my children for generations to come and fully support the efforts to do so.		I support LAPIS #1 or Topaz-both of which after maximum protection.	It is excellent, I appreciate the opportunity to participate in things that directly impact me.
Laguna Beach	406	Tim Boyer	Dana Point	Proposals that adversely affect the Dana Point in shore area will directly impact the kayak fishing community. We are avery limited in areas we can get to and by creating a reserve around the DP harbor, you will be forcing more kayakers to launch through the surf, or venture further from their launch point. of the proposals for OC coast, either external proposal is by far the best.			
Laguna Beach	407	Joshua Foch	Camp Pendleton	I support the external proposal A. I spend a lot of time in laguna beach. If a majority of Laguna's coastline is closed I would not spend much time in Laguna., Laguna's economy would see a big down fall from a large closure.			
Laguna Beach	408	Jennifer Lloyd	Laguna Beach	I am in full support of any of the proposals as they currently stand. I feel strongly that all interests have been heard & taken into account & it is imperative we save our coastline for the future. However, I would lean towards Lapis 1 proposal over the others. I would also like to understand or have more clearly stated what the "limits" are on the blue areas.			Very impressed w/the information provided & the staff. Thank you for all of your hard work.
Laguna Beach	409 cont 469	Richard Pilcheny	Laguna Beach	Follow the science or others will make the decisions that we the stakeholders should be driving. Reserve all of the Laguna Beach Coastline for the benefit of the ocean and future sport and commercial fisherman. Protect the area from there Arch Bay Northward to Abalone Port. Rocky formations and kelp beds are a very important factor to help protect the ocean. Please consider the reserves set forth in External C. That proposal comes closest to meeting the science guidelines and protect the habitat to help regulate our ocean. Thank You.			
Laguna Beach	410	Roy McDennon Jr.	Laguna Beach	Prop A: As A 3rd generation Laguna Resident, I support Proposal A. I grew up diving, fishing and life guarding on Laguna's beaches. Prop A. satisfies all requirements, yet allows us access to some areas to fish.			
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Laguna Beach	413 / 529	Bonnie Hano	Laguna Beach	I would like to see the entire 7 miles to the Laguna Beach Coast designated as a no-take reserve. It would facilitate enforcement. Ultimately the increased number of fish would benefit the fishers. We must begin to seriously take measures to conserve & protect our resources. The reserve would give the sea life a chance to renew & flourish. When Yellowstone was designated a national park, the hunters were as hysterical as the fishers are today with the reserve proposals. There's a lesson to be taken from this.			
Laguna Beach	414						
Laguna Beach	415	Jackie Lee	Laguna	I am commenting on the specific stretch of Laguna Beach being set between two marinas Newport & Dana. I would like to see a minimum of 6 miles but more like 8 miles of the coast protected fully, so it may replenish itself. I believe the uniqueness of this area is very important. Also the economic outfall has not been proven to outway the environmental issues here. Do not break up the Laguna to Dana Pt. coastline.			
Laguna Beach	416						
Laguna Beach	417	George Fisher	Laguna Woods	Topaz-the MPA too large, as is the SMCA combined. They are much larger than needed or justified. They seem pointed at restricting private fishing at Dan Point. Please don't restrict my paid for privilege to buy passage, board a party boat and bring home a couple of fish for dinner. I am not over fishing. I am not preventing anyone else from their pursuits, nor am I throwing away tons of by-catch. So don't punish me, I'm not destroying marine life.			
Laguna Beach	418 / 504 / 505	Kevin Donahue	Mission Viejo	also see 504 & 505 External Proposal A is the best alternative. It provides substantial habitat sufficient to meet the needs of the ecosystem while still offering some level of consumptive take. The state cannot afford to manage the huge areas in the other proposals. Some revision to existing fishing regulations, including slot limits and reductions in take limits. Will accomplish nearly all the same objectives and the funding and resources are already in place to manage fisheries this way. Not only will management be costly, but no one has addressed the loss in license revenue and retail sales tax that will be sacrificed by extensive closures. Recreational anglers should be encouraged to promote catch & release and reasonable limits. Closing prime fishing areas is far too punitive.			
Laguna Beach	419	Logun McLeod	Dana Point	In general, I support External A. Having looked over the science behind the MLPA, there isn't sufficient evidence to warrant extreme closures. I prefer starting with closures which meet the (already conservative) science guidelines, at least to the best extent possible given the constraints on available geography, and then increasing from there.			I feel the process overall is being driven to an unacceptable extent by external funding. I would like to see more transparency & especially better consideration of the true economic impact these closures will have.
Laguna Beach	420	Jean Raun	Laguna Beach	I support the plan adopted by the city council with a state preserve from border to border. We so often live too much in the present, with little regard for the immediate harm we are doing-one fish-one sea urchin it won't make any difference But when it is acceptable and we do it without thought and others join us, we do irreparable harm. I regard this as a moral imperative.			

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Laguna Beach	421	Cody Lightfoot	Aliso Viejo, CA	I am a member of the Long Beach Neptune's spearfishing club and I support proposal "A". More extensive closures would severely damage my families recreational fishing activities. I take my kids fishing and would like to take them spearfishing when they get old enough. The other proposals would close most of the areas that are accessible by shore with reef structure and low surf. I have lived my whold life in Southern California and started fishing when I was 2 years old. To make any closures will limit access to areas that I fished with my dad and won't be able to take my children to, but I understand this is not an option. Closures will happen & with the options we have, I support External Proposal A.			I feel that the public has been extremely uniformed of this entire proces. I have been working with the Long Beach Neptunes to try and educate the public on the closures and the areas they fish. Most of the people I've talked with know very little or nothing of the entire MLPA process.
Laguna Beach	422	Kelsey Albert	Monarch Beach	I am an avid diver & spearfishing woman. I am also a scientist I manage a transitional research lab at UCI Medical Center. Most of my dving & spending occurs in Laguna. Same with many of my family members and friends, fellow divers. I urge the city fo Laguna & all of those involved in the MLPA process to adopt & support the maps put forth by the FIC/FIN that is External Proposal A. I feel it meets the scientific guidelines put forth by the SAT & also minimizes economic damage (whcih will occur when too many reserves are put in place & fisheries are too restricted. It will have an amplifying effect on the local & state economic). To meet SAT guidelines & minimize economic impact is a request put forth by the BRTF; I feel that Ext. Prop A. meets this request. Please support & adopt Ext. Prop. A. Thank You, Kelsey Morgan Albert, Biologist, Environmentalist, Spearfisher, Conservantist, & concerned citizen.			Adopt Ext Prop A
Laguna Beach	423	Ed Fry	Laguna Beach	I favor maximum protection for all areas (no take) at least for 5 years			
Laguna Beach	424	Fredy Campos	Mission Viejo	I'm always been a r & r fisherman. I always enjoyed fishing with my dad & friends. I've been spearfishing for about 1.5 years already and I never thought I could be so selective on fish that I take, I'm enjoying fishing with my kids now something that they will remember for life. Hopefully they will do with their kids "No strongly support. This revised External Proposal A". Hopefully we'll keep enjoying our ocean because whatever we shot goes to our table, there is no hurt fish with hooks, because they are undersized, we are very selective and aware of size, limit and seasonal fish, please do not take this away from our kids.			
Laguna Beach	425	Amber Lightfood	Aliso Viejo	My husband dives in the areas in proposal A. If those areas are closed then he can't dive and take my children fishing in those areas. The other areas that will be left open are not safe areas to fish and the fish population is low. A lot of the areas that will remain open have big waves and strong rip currents which make it very dangerous for my husband.			I think that the public should have been made more aware fo all of this. I think that there are a lot of fishermen that don't know about any of this. I think a lot more people would fight against this if they knew what was going on.

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Laguna Beach	426	Jeannette Merrilees	Laguna Beach	Topaz-greatest square miles Upper Newport Bay, External proposal B is ridiculous the size to the Laguna SMR doesn't meet service. --- -----, too few miles. External Proposal A: from number of Crescent Bay to Area Beach Cove doesn't cover to city limits of Laguna and disappointing for citizens who want marinelife protection for future generations fo tidepool creature and the many people who value them highly, Let's give the coastline creatures a 5 year recovery period. Let's see what will happen. Personal Note: I have championed the cause of public access to our coast, spent years doing docent tours educating kids, visitors on the fragility of tidepool life. Especially at risk is the variety of species being removed for fishing business. Let's try the protection for five years alon laguna's entire coast. Then take another look.			
Laguna Beach	427 / 513		Laguna Beach	I am so discouraged by the negotiating process. To date the negotiating processs is more reflection of ----- interests that have jimmed the process. The RSG is disfunctional. In an effort to negotiate in good faith, many of the environmental RSG members have given away half an area and gotten nothing in return. The RSG is disfunctional. They should be hauled off to an aggressively facilitated negotiation process that would force disinterested compromises. or it could be dis---			
Laguna Beach	428	Stephen Schur	Dana Point	External Proposal A has taken into account all of guidelines set by the scientist including but not limited to current flow, water quality, spacing and structure. It has a fair economic strategy for commercial use while at the same time providing enough zones for recreational fishing to be done safely. I encourage the review committees to pass this draft or a similar proposal.			
Laguna Beach	429	Barbara Picheny	Laguna Beach	I wish one of the choices was the entire coast of Laguna Beach. As an option to be considered, it would offer a scientific opportunity to provide a chance for the ecology of the ocean to recover. I have read about the theory of the necessity of having various species as well as a differentiated environment- eg. sandy bottom, craggy rocks, deep fishing, etc. Laguna Beach offers it all in one long expanse-and meets the scientific guidelines-7 miles is between 6&12 miles! Please reconsider the addition of the entire coast of Laguna Beach as a "notake" reserve-Thank you.			
Laguna Beach	430	Frank Wells	Aliso Viejo	What right do you have to close the ocean and deny me and my children fishing/spearfishing in Laguna? What about my future grandchildren? Why do you want to take away jobs when we are in a really bad economical situation? No current species fo fish that are being fished are on the endangered list. Alternative solutions are 1) reducing limits 2) privately funded saltwater farms to replenish stock 3) White seabass population is better now than it has been in 20 yrs. The Laguna beach City Council is looking at this closure without consideration to all the people it affects. The MLPA claims that the kelp forest situation from Newport to Dana Point is bad. I challenge any member of the MLPA to go out in a boat and look at how thick the kelp is. You claim that sea urchins decimate the kelp forests, which they don't. They only eat detached kelp that is not growing. I challenge the MLPA to show me one area that they closed and later reopened. There are zero.			

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Laguna Beach	434	Edward Brancard	Laguna Beach	I am very in favor of the "draft MPA proposals"			
Laguna Beach	435	Elizabeth Morrison	Laguna Beach	Please protect our coastline. Laguna Beach has been depleted by over-fishing and by "taking" and poor enforcement.			
Laguna Beach	436						
Laguna Beach	437	Svellen Crossno	Laguna Beach	I would like to see the entire Laguna Beach Coast as a State Marine Reserve.			
Laguna Beach	438	Kelly Boyd	Laguna Beach	I support Proposal A. This is a compromise that should work for all. Kelly Boyd, Mayor, City of Laguna Beach. This is written as an individual. As a 4th generation from Laguna and a resident, I feel the water beyond the inner reefs of Laguna are healthy. We all know 90% of our fish outside this area are migratory and move up and down the coast. Do not close this area to recreational or commercial fishing.			
Laguna Beach	439	Kyra Celeste Pitt	Laguna Beach	External Proposal A takes in account both sides of the spectrum. Commercial fisherman will still be able to make a living while marine habitat in closure zones will flourish and create overflow. This proposal takes into account all the scientific guidelines of proper distance (9 square miles +), structure requirements, species diversification and water quality. I urge the people who are reviewing and deciding where the lines go to please choose this one it makes the most sense for all the parties included.			
Laguna Beach	440	Sieglinde Johnson	Laguna Beach	I prefer the Topaz proposal because it provides more protection for Laguna Beach's Blue Belt.			
Laguna Beach	441	Jack Cagle	West Hills	I support external Proposal A. It is good for the both sides of the spectrum, ----- As well as Preservationist, All of the MLPA zones are properly spaced and in areas that have diverse marine environment. I feel this proposal will be best suited as the overall MLPA proposal.			
Laguna Beach	442	Charlotte Masarik	Laguna Beach	Follow the science or stakeholders will lose control. Topaz Draft 2- Falls miserably short & yet it still appears to be the most protected of all these Maps. None of the proposals meet MLPA requirements-All of Laguna should be a reserve from Abalone Pt. to 3 Arch Bay. This meets sizing guidelines. IF THE OCEAN DIES SO DO WE-It's the most important thing for me!			

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Laguna Beach	443	Louise Thornton	Laguna Beach	Laguna is not only uniquely between PV & SD & within science guidelines, but also it is a unique area of habitat ripe for protection. What was once a vital area is no more. Even our intertidal is suffering from overuse. While all proposals recognize its importance, they all minimize any protection. Protecting the inter-tidal without recognizing its inherent link to the ocean as a whole is short sighted. There is plenty of scientific evidence that reserves enhance fishing, we need to put areas under protection for the betterment of all. So lets maximize protection for a natural area, not only for ourselves, but also the future. We are the only ones who can. Make all of Laguna a SMR(from Abalone Point to Three Arch Bay South) We are able to monitor, protect & enhance this area with existing & planned programs. If the ocean dies, so does mankind.	867		
Laguna Beach	444 / 514 / 530	Nancy Bushnell	Laguna Beach	Topaz seems to give Laguna's intertidal areas & ocean the most protection& it is needed to restore the fish population. If it is successful as I believe it will be-the protected areas can be scaled back in 5 years. I deeply appreciate the process & the heart to protect our natural resources as I want & intend to show my great grandchildren the beauty on our coast that I have experienced. Take photos & memories & leave the life to remain & thrive. It is an easy choice for me. I've seen too much lost by ignorance & unawareness to our environment. Our tide pools are a shadow of what I first experienced 30 yrs ago.			
Laguna Beach	445a	Douglas Gaxiola	San Diego	As a kayak fisherman, my main concern is that the MLPA process allows fishing to continue in the areas adjacent to the few safe and accessible kayak launch sites on the San Diego and Orange County Coast. Proposals such as Lapis 1, Lapis 2, Opal & Topaz drastically limit access to productive fishing areas from safe kayak launch sites. Closures in and around La Jolla and PT Loma (Lapis 1, Lapis 2, Opal, Topaz) would force kayakers to launch from dangerous shore breaks, just to reach productive fishing grounds. This will force many kayak anglers to give up fishing as productive areas will be out of reach.. These proposals would wreck havoc on this rapidly growing segment of the water sports industry. The economic impact will be felt by local kayak dealers, tackle shops and the several large kayak manufacturers that have production facilities in Southern California. California can ill afford to suffer more blows to the economy caused by short-sighted environmental regulations.	Subregion 5	Lapis 1, Lapis 2, Opal & Topaz are far too restrictive and will make fishing from kayak nearly impossible. External Proposal A rightfully protects habitat & fisheries in the Del Mar area without adversely impacting La Jolla & Pt Loma. La Jolla & Pt Loma are the only fishing grounds within SAFE paddling distance of safe accessible launches.	
Laguna Beach	445b	Douglas Gaxiola		External Proposals A. and B are the only proposals that will provide protection of fisheries and habitat without causing significant negative impact to the recreational fish industry.			
Laguna Beach	446 / 484	Matt Renault	Laguna Beach	A&B supports. Already the largest deficit is USA. Can't afford to monitor a law 3 miles off shore.			

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Laguna Beach	447 531	David Pliska	Irvine	Lapis 1-Most restrictive with the least amount of cross interest. There seems to be a large socioeconomic impact (negative) with such a proposal. This proposal also eliminates all kayak fishing activities due to the lack of access, range and safety. Proposal A- Least restrictive with the most amount of cross interest. This proposal appears to consider the socioeconomic impacts of the closures along with the environmental impacts. Although there are some SMRS and SMCAS, no Map fully understands the impacts on Kayak fishing related to access, range and safety. I would prefer proposal A with some special considerations toward kayak fishing.			There seems to be a lack of current and accurate scientific information on the social economic impacts of these closures. I am fearful that this process is being pushed forward without reward to the potential consequences. I would prefer to let the science catch up so we don't have to rely on our children to fix our mess.
Laguna Beach	448	Seaera Pliska		Lapis 1 keeps me from fishing with my dand & friends. It is also very unsafe because of the range distance! I think it is the most restrictive. One of my favorite spots to fish is at Dana Point. Proposal A- Gives me some area to fish on my kayak with my family and since I really like fishing, this is the only one that kind of gives me some sort of area to fish. I love kayak fishing! Although, there is some prohibited areas there are also areas which allow you to fish in a wider range which also makes it safer for me and my sister instead of going 3-7 miles out from the shore and being unsafe, uncomfortable and insecure. Proposal A- I think is one of the best proposals so far, I have looked at.			
Laguna Beach	449	Skyler Pliska	Irvine	Lapis 1- keeps me from fishing with my dad. I love fishing with my dad because it's so fun. So when people try to shut down fishing ti makes me so mad. Proposal A-is one of the best ways to fish with my family and dad. Some of the restricted areas are so dangerous and so hard for me (who is 9) to drag a kayak to the water. I'm so mad that people are trying to shut down fishing because all I want to do is FISH! When I can't fish I have nothing to do. If there is no fishing I would be so mad I would yell and scream! But if we keep fishing I would be so glad, happy and I would have something to do on breaks. I would be absolutely happy to have fishing. I would die from boredom without fishing. One time I wanted to explode because people tried to stop fishing. All I think about is fishing.			
Laguna Beach	450	Ross McDougall	Laguna Beach	I have been fishing since I was 3 or 4 years old. I intend to teach my children how to fish when it is time. Closing down fishing in Orange County without real information and studies would be a disaster. Today I have looked at the map proposals and I find them difficult to interpret. What I would like to see is a list of endangered fish and the areas they live in. The leaflet that I received has a garibaldi on it (obviously not a sportfishing target fish). I do not agree with overfishing and keeping more than your limit. I would like to see a proposal that includes lowe limits for target fish(calico bass, barracuda, yellow tail, etc). Maybe a size increase in allowed fish. (14-16 in for calico bass, etc) I would hate to see such a traditional passtime stopped by a few people. Shutting down fishing is not the right way to go.			
Laguna Beach	451	Jay Riffe	Dana Point	External Proposal A is best choice for all parties. Has closed area in Laguna with recreational fishing North & South. Also some comercial take(lobster) is available.			
Laguna Beach	452	Ed Fry					

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Laguna Beach	453	Mark Preston					
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Laguna Beach	455	Cinda Lee Penney-Hall	Laguna Beach	Lapis 1/topaz are the External C Plan they threw out due to the bully tactics of the fishing lobby. The entire coast of Laguna needs to be a reserve because it is the only coastline with unique rocky cove habitats. And diverse marine species that need protection!			
Laguna Beach	456						
Laguna Beach	457	Anton Bernhardt	Tustin	1) Proposal A supports a viable and reasonable resolution to the MLPA requirements. I believe that it closures to not effect the increase of our fish population rather the restriction on size limitations and take quotas. The prohibition of long lining and devastating fishing habits are what need to be prevented for since their removal fish populations have been steadily rising. The MLPA was created to sanction areas that protect the fish of California not # cause the collapse of the fishing industry. The minimum requirements that satisfy the MLPA are suitable for the continued growth of ground fish and pelagic species. As a diver and as a diver active in a community of divers I have seen and heard the change allowed to compliment our fishery. Hubbs has allowed that WSB population to flourish and by the means if fish rehabilitation their numbers have never been greater, or so the eldest diver tells me.			
Laguna Beach	458a	Ann Christoph	Laguna Beach	Topaz has a fairly large area of SMR at Laguna Beach central area, but much less protection in South Laguna South Laguna needs the same level of protection as the rest of the city, especially because there is a lot of rocky intertidal habitat. These areas have deteriorated over the past 30 years that I have lived here and need a more stringent level of protection to allow the habitat to recover. The community has supported State reserves at Camel Point / West St. Beach and at Treasure Island Beach. We thought those areas were protected. Yet now we are being told these protections are not valid or being enforced In South Laguna we suffer the impacts of the regional sewer system and the polluted runoff from Aliso Creek. Because of these impacts South Laguna needs more protection of its marine resources, not less Also we have supported & helped fund kelp deforestation in order to help restore our marine life areas. These areas should be allowed to grow and thrive, and not be harvested			
Laguna Beach	458b	Ann Christoph		Our goal should be to allow marine life to recover and increase in abundance similar to what it was in Laguna's early years.			

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Laguna Beach	459	Jesse L. Vargas	Huntington Beach	Revised External Proposal A I firmly believe this proposal makes the most sense when you take all the factors into consideration; science, economy, and recreation. The Crystal Cove SMCA still offers recreational fishing and will follow the some rules and regulation as the Dana Point SMCA. The access to both kayak fishing is a clean low impact activity that in no way would compromise the area. With the Laguna SMR you will have a large no take area that would have the opportunity to protect and promote several and all species in thatzone. There woudl still be a beautiful area for the fourists which would protect the revenue they bring to Laguna		the La Jolla SMR area of this proposal would also have an adequate SMR zone while still allow recreational fishing. The SMR zone has several other SMR zones in the vicinity to promote all species to flourish in and between these zones If conservation is at a point where recreation is so prohibitive, there will be more damage by a educated and thought out process in conducted people will be more inclined to stay within boundaries and insure protected areas are adhered too.	I am hoping that our comments are really read and taken into considerations. Thank you Jesse Landy Vargas
Laguna Beach	460	Alexandra S. Perez Dema	San Diego	I support Proposal A.			
Laguna Beach	461	Sharon Wallin	Irvine	Lapis 2 - Farnsworth Bank - I strongly support the highest level of protection & widest area for Farnsworth. As a scuba diver, I know firsthand what a special place it is. On one pinnacle, there is an old fishing net covering the rock. Anchoring by many fishing & diving boats causes destruction to the hydrocoral. Can the SMR designation somehow make permanent moorings for dive boats - divers who look but don't touch /take. For Laguna Beach, I also strongly support the option that affords the highest level of protection to the widest area. Laguna Beach shoreline & like is also very special & fragile & struggling to survive. All this is pretty darn complicated for the non-professional (non-scientific) person. Anyway to make things easier to weigh pos & cons!			
Laguna Beach	462	Hunter Wells	Laguna Beach	I support Proposal A. I am a long time resident and fisher, diver, skim boarder, kayak of these waters. I want to be a future resident with the hope hat there will still be fish (=conser) and places to dive at in Laguna Beach it has been my dream to raise my children as I have been in this beautiful city.			
Laguna Beach	463	Chad Cammack	Capo Beach	Prop 0 is to me the best idea, keep our oceans ours. I believe that if any cuts must be made our limits should be lowered for example Calico Bass/Sand Bass is 12 per day cut that too 6 and so on for other fish. If we loose our right too fish a lot of people will be put out of work and a lot will loose a huge part of what they eat including myself I fish/spear dive for a hug portion of my diet and I do no want that too change. Thanks for your time Chad Cammack			

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Laguna Beach	464	Sandy Dildine	laguna Beach	<p>In general I am for strong-preferred size SMRs. I see very few SMR's of the preferred size on any of the proposed maps. I'll only make specific comments about the Laguna Beach/Orange Coast Region since that is what I am familiar with.</p> <p>None of the proposed maps creates a reserve in Laguna that fits the preferred size (12-18 m2). The Topaz proposal would reach the preferred size if the Solag Dana SMCA became an SMR.</p> <p>To meet the science guidelines of preferred size, spacing and habitat a Laguna SMR that went from the N. Boundary of the city7 to the Southern Boundary would be optimal. This border to border Laguna SMR would have clear boundaries to allow for effective enforcement as well.</p> <p>Neither Ext. Prop A or B meet the science guidelines - especially Ext B - how has this proposal even made it to Round??</p>			
Laguna Beach	465	Geoff Koopman	Ladera Ranch	<p>I have grown up fishing our coast my whole life. I hardly ever even keep anything I catch. I don't quite like any of the maps but my favorite looks to be Opal of Proposal A. I mostly fish off a kayak & launching is a big issue of mine. I hope you don't close areas near the Montage Hotel with easy/safe launching spots.</p> <p>I have a 1 year old kid I would love to be able to take fishing on our coast. Please don't take away & good, clean, safe family activity from us. Thanks you Geoff</p>		<p>Opal & Proposal A seem to be the best option for my kayak fishing needs. Safety & fun are the main concerns of mine. Please don't take good kayak launching spots away.</p>	<p>I don't understand or comprehend closing down our public beaches. Can we just have lower limits or catch & release areas? Please help me out & keep as much open as possible.</p>
Laguna Beach	466	Cheri Bourguignon	Laguna Beach	<p>I believe no one has the right to say what should be done with our ocean. I believe I am responsible and have the best interest of our oceans & mankind in mind. We must think of our fisherman & tourist before we decided.</p>			
Laguna Beach	467	Ian Parker	Laguna Beach	<p>This is largely applicable to Laguna Beach</p> <p>I'm 31 - year Laguna resident. I'm a working father of 2 w/ very limited time. I enjoy sport fishing during my available time. I typically fish down the street from my house w/uses limited gas. I have witnessed no depletion of the current local fish stocks in my 25 years of ocean use.</p> <p>Please do not consider a full closure of Laguna. While the city council indicated they would like to see a full closure, I can assure this is not consistent w/ a large portion of Laguna's population. Furthermore our beaches are a public resource & not for just the people of Laguna.</p> <p>It is my understanding that this process is intended to be a "compromise". Some of the maps are not compromises.</p>		<p>Many of the maps take a large portion of prime fishing habitat and leave average or below average fishing areas.</p> <p>I support & urge you to consider the Opal map. The Opal map represents a compromise & while I really prefer outside map A & B, I recognize that a compromise is required & therefore support the Opal map. Thanks you Ian Park</p> <p>-One last thing: This map also allows for only safe launch ramp for kayaks at the Montage. If this area is closed, the only safe kayak launch is Dana Harbor.</p>	

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Laguna Beach	468a	Rex McNamara	Rancho Santa Margarida	I support the External B proposal. I would also support External A proposal as my second choice. Both preserve most of my fishing opportunities. I strongly oppose the Lapis 1 proposal because it would completely eliminate most of my recreational kayak fishing opportunities. The La Jolla 2 SMR is where I usually fish for Pelagics. I oppose Lapis 2 because of extensive SMR's at Point conception/Gout Point, Malibu SMR, Point Vicente and Laguna SMR's. Topaz and Opal have similar proposals.		Lapis 1 - Is the worst - It would eliminate most of my fishing opportunities. Lapis 2 - Is somewhat better - I could fish La Jolla and Refugio. Coal Oil Point, Malibu, Palos Verdes, Laguna would be gone. I oppose Lapis 1 & 2 Opal - Is bad. Coal Oil Point, Point Vicente, Laguna and Sunset Cliff would be off limits. I could still fish La Jolla. I oppose opal. Topaz - Restrictions on Refugio, Naples, and Helo SMR - I've been fishing these areas for 45 years. Too many closed areas that would impact me. I oppose Topaz. External B - I like this proposal best. Some impact on me in Laguna, Del Mar and Goleta, But I could paddle to open areas.	I'm disappointed with the funding process and the real or perceived conflicts of interest. I believe that fisheries management & proper DFG funding for enforcement would be a better way to go rather than establishing MPA's. All proposals on the table represent a taking away of the public's right to fish and we as tax payer's will have to payu for it. I would rather see my tax dollars go to the DFG for better enforcement of existing F & G laws.
Laguna Beach	468b	Rex McNamara		I have fished La Jolla, Dana Point/Laguna, Naples Reef, Refugio and Point Conception areas for over 45 years (since 1964) - first with my father and now with my son in kayaks. These are areas we continue to fish today, and with the exception of Point Conception, all these area can be easily and safely accessed by kayak. La Jolla in particular, lives me and my family the opportunity to launch kayaks withou risk from dangerous surf or having to paddle too far off shore to have a shot at Peligics. I usually target Yellowtail, White Sebass and Halibut, and release all benthics. As a side note, I would support stricter fishery management including reduced bag limits, slot limits and seasons restrictions.		External A - Big impact for me at Point conception, Malibu, Palos Verdes, and Del Mar with the exception of the Malibu SMR, I would support External A.	
Laguna Beach	469 cont from 409	Richard Picheny	South Laguna Beach	Comment page 2 Reservoir, Laguna Beach coastline from 3 Arch Bay to Abalone Point will improve the ocean and also have positive economic implications for Laguna Beach and surrounding communities. Non consumptive divers and observers will come to the area to see the species and habitat as it improves and grows healthy fish. Sport and commercial fisherman will benefit in the long run from a grater abundance of fish & shellfish and larger sizes of each as the ocean regenerates. The concept of futures values will come into play. The current economic sacrifices will be more than offset by the future economic gains generated as a result of providia / a Laguna Beach _____ from Three Arch Bay to Abalone Point.			
Laguna Beach	470	John Rordan	San Juan Capistain	I think that Proposal B - is the most conservation and ethical evaluation of the MPA process. I urge that the SAT and Regional Stakeholder groups carefully evaluate this proposal. I raise White Sea Bass in Dana Point Harbor as part of the White SE Bass restoration process on Friday June 26th we released 5025 fish to help restore a depleted ocean's fishery - Please help us keep up this work. John Riordan			

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Laguna Beach	471	Mike Beanan	Laguna Beach	All proposals have omitted a historic marine reserve established by the community of Would Laguna in 1968. (Table Rock to Camel Point this area is the steepest rocky habitat in all of Southern California. It is the Southern Calif. "Little Big Sur". All proposals omit a city wide reserve as recommended by city council resolution 09.057 June 16, 2009. The proposals don't honor our local greenbelt/bluebelt vision as proposed in the city of Laguna Beach "2030 vision report". A citywide reserve is easiest to enforce with clear, consistent rules. The process has also been manipulated to remove external C which should be re -instated.		The coastal economies are suffering. Laguna Beach is promoting green tourism and a city wide marine restoration zone will make us an international ecotourist destination point, linking the Laguna bluebelt to the existing laguna greenbelt represents the best in ecosystem restoration. We need to reestablish large keystone species to manage the recovery of ancient kelp forests. Help the kelp and give fish a chance. Show us a proposal with a citywide reserve.	The MLPA process has lost its science foundation. Using hostile language like "no take" inspires anger and resistance. These are marine life restoration areas not "no you can't fish here buddy!!" zones. Use more proactive constructive language.
Laguna Beach	472	Judy Yorke	Laguna Beach	None of the draft proposals met expectations toward fulfillment of the SAT guidelines. A marine reserve from Abalone Pt. to three arch bay is extremely important to us, the citizens of Laguna Beach. We see economic value of eco tourism that must be considered in the process, balanced with the economic loss of consumption. We see the SAT preferred guideline followed. We very much expect to have our values heard, above the din of this process, but find it difficult! We DO NOT want our city bifurcated in this process. We want ONE RESERVE from border to border which we can communicate to our citizens & visitors and enforce.			
Laguna Beach	473	Herbert H Rabe	Laguna Beach	Topaz is the best because it protects the most beach. The beach fish must be protected at all cost. I have been snorkeling for 15 years and have seen the protected waters of Laguna Beach go down hill. What is going on in the less protected water. Snorkeling should be a tourist industry for Laguna. People come here for the beauty not to see a destroyed underwater wonderland.		The protected areas must go all the way to Alviso Beach. The Montage has many tourists that would love to snorkel and see fish. The laws must be enforced. Now I see people with plastic bags just taking all types of sea creatures. It must stop. Enforce the laws.	This is a great plan. It finally gives me a chance to give my views on a destroyed underwater wonderland we must keep it.
Laguna Beach	474	Daniel Ray Burke	Dana Point	External proposal A is the best choice. I do not want to see anything other than A advance. All other proposals are too invasive to the fishermen community.			
Laguna Beach	475	Paul Freick	Capo Beach	External Proposal A. Very difficult to determine landmarks. In the future street name would help to locate. Criteria was set for MLPAs to northern California and SAMR criteria is implemented in southern California, which has a greater population. Why isn't criteria less therefore leaving more area to the population.			
Laguna Beach	476	Jan Vanderloot	Newport Beach	I am a member of Board of Directors of Bolsa Chica land trust and sponsor stop polluting our newport. 1. I recommend that all plan include a state marine conservation area off Bolsa Chica state beach and Huntington Beach off Brookhurst where the least tern preserve is, for the purpose of protecting the foraging areas of the least tern off Bolsa Chica. The Santa Ana river mouth. The size of the SMCA's would be determined by the foraging area of the terns, roughly about 2 miles long off Bolsa Chica. These SMCA's would be protected from bait boats. 2. I also recommend the Bolsa Chica wetlands as a reserve because the Bolsa Chica wetlands have been recently restored and will eventually be closer to 1200-1300 acres. More to follow. Thanks for your work			

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Laguna Beach	477 / 393	Bryan Menne	Laguna Beach	External A	Orange County	My preference is to allow a take of pelagic fish including Halibut & White Sea Bass. I'm a 45 year old resident of Laguna; fisherman & spear fisherman/free diving& conservationist. Specific Recommendation is for State Fish & Game to increase Min. size of Halibut from 22" to 26" min to increase population & reproduction, and White Sea Bass from 28" to 30" minimum, as well as 15" minimum size on Calicos. Make all reef fish off limits, and restrict/eliminate Hawaiian Slings altogether to protect small fish.	
Laguna Beach	478	Torrey Menne	Laguna Beach	External A	Orange County	I would like to be able to spearfish like my dad and grandfather in Laguna Beach. Please don't take my right to fish with a pole off the rocks either.	
Laguna Beach	479	Bill Roley	Laguna Beach			The ability to educate and preserve starts in schools and at home. Protecting the cucles of kelp as a forest for propagation and protection would benefit environmentalists and fisherman. Think of this blue belt as a laboratory for restoration and carefully monitor progress to develop food resources.	
Laguna Beach	480	Charles Alban	Laguna Beach			I would like to see the preserve designated or a "blue belt" with local control. I'm concerned about giving control to state bureaucracies.	
Laguna Beach	481						
Laguna Beach	482	Mark Renoult	Laguna Beach			Until real unbiased science takes place NO closures should be enforced. How will we have a true sense of conservation if we can't participate in nature?	
Laguna Beach	483	Irene Renoult	Laguna Beach			Until you have concrete hard evidence there should be no further action.	
Laguna Beach	484 / 446	Matt Renault	Laguna Beach			Until real science has become a factor, & an equal & right conclusion to the neccessity of reserves has been reached, there is no conclusive reason for a reserve.	
Laguna Beach	485	J.P. Roy	Laguna Beach			Please leave the joy of catching a fish for all to enjoy wether it be from a boat or from shore to enjoy. If the seals can eat more then all the fisherman then why can't I catch a simple fish in my later years and enjoy this pleasure?	

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Laguna Beach	486	Guinevere Breeding	San Clemente	Topaz- Round 2		This proposal comes closest but not far enough. The entire area (beach and ocean) encompassing all of Crystal Cove, all of Laguna Beach, all of South Laguna, and Dana Point to the San Clemente boundary should be a no take. Tidepools, ocean shore fish are being victimized to the point of extinction. Our tidepool patrols in those areas cannot keep up with the offences. A huge protection program couples with the protection may result in restoration of some species and preservation of most. With population growth and stress on the areas, it is only a matter of time before the areas will be sterile of marine life if controls are not implemented. The signs are already present that things are not right. Dead whales, sick sea lions and more will come.	
Laguna Beach	487	Peter Culp	San Clemente	External Proposal A		I support External Proposal A	
Laguna Beach	488	Mia Davidson	Laguna Beach	LAPIS 1	Orange County	The only acceptable way is LAPIS 1 in Orange County if the So. Laguna SMCA was changed to an SMR. All of Laguna Beach should be closed down border to border to protect for future generations, outreach and enforcement.	
Laguna Beach	489	Letty Skeen	Laguna Beach			Please consider all scientific aspects of this proposal. Designate Laguna Beach as a State Reserve. The current proposal is too narrow and needs to be more specific. Allow a portion of our ocean to rest and at the same time restore the beauty of our tidepools and ocean.	
Laguna Beach	490	Neal Ng	Mission Viejo	Round 2 Opal	South Coast Study Region	Of all the proposals for this region, I believe this is the closest to a workable solution. I am a recreational fisherman, but I believe is conserving the resource that brings my pleasure and relaxation. Although I think this statewide coastal closure is a bit extreme in terms at the number of restrictions and effected parties (both commercial and recreational) I believe I might have a more supportive perspective if I could see some of the data and trends that are driving these proposals.	
Laguna Beach	491	Chris Lupin	Mission Viejo	External Proposal A	Laguna SMR	External A minimizes negative socioeconomic impacts at this SMR, while still preserving an adequate area of the coast. The SMR will be successful in protecting habitat, and will be easier to enforce. However, this proposal eliminates many of the easy access locations.	

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Laguna Beach	492	Gino Ruffolo	Dana Point	External Proposal A	Laguna Beach/Dana Point	I feel it to be an even compromise between preservationist and recreational fisherman. Still allowing access and fin fish to be taken for local kayak anglers. While giving a considerable amount of SMR to the Laguna Region. Also protecting Dana Point and Doheny Beach.	
Laguna Beach	493	Bruce Mouton	Laguna Beach	Topaz- Round 2	MPA South Coast Region, Subregion 4	Please shut down fishing in Laguna (as per plan). Please consider eco-tourism as a mitigating factor in replacing lost revenue from fishing. Topaz allows fishing boats from Dana Point and Newport to continue in business while protecting Laguna.	
Laguna Beach	494	Whitney Graves	Long Beach	LAPIS 1		I support Lapis 1 proposal as it is the prop most closely aligned with the SAT guidelines and the overall goals of the MLPA. I would like to thank the members of this group for their dedication to the integrity of this process and encourage other proposal groups to follow their example.	
Laguna Beach	495	Verna Rollinger	Laguna Beach		Laguna Beach	The decision should be based on science. The plan must meet the state criteria. I support a reserve for the entire length of Laguna Beach.	
Laguna Beach	496	Hallie Jones	Laguna Beach	All		Where is the science??? 18 square mile reserves are more protective. We need at least some larger reserves in Orange County. Doesn't seem these proposals take the science advisory panel's input into account.	
Laguna Beach	497a	Michele McCormick	Laguna Beach	Even LAPIS 1 does not meet MLPA objectives/SMR No take	Laguna Beach/Crystal Cove/Three Arch Bay	We already have the sufficient habitat for a resivoir. Rocky inter tidal, kelp beds, sandy bottoms. Due to SAT spacing guidelines this just makes sense to go border to border with SMR. For restoration of our coastal area, marine life. The city of Laguna Beach already has the infrastructure and organization (eg. Tide Water - ----- -) job positions - Marine Protection Officer. Laguna is situated beautifully along proposed areas/ arrays with potential future reservs of Palos Verdes to the north and San Diego to the south. One city wide reserve designation increases ease of enforcement. As an ocean swimmer and a Laguna Beach Tide Water Docent I have witnessed the continues destrcution of our marine environment and sealife. Examples: 1. Lobster boats pulling right into the middle of splash rock aat low tide to retrieve theri traps.	

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Laguna Beach	497b	Michele McCormick			Laguna Beach/ Crystal Cove/ Three Arch Bay	The boats knock against the rocks destroying star fish and other sea life. 2. Fishermen pulling mussels for bait. Asian American families hauling buckets of mussels, crab, etc. Fishermen leaving bait hooks and spark plugs for bait in the sand injuring recreational users. All abalone are gone. Lobster population decreased significantly. 3. Sling spear fishermen cannot catch and release. They kill and fish escape swimming off to die. Scuba divers spear fishing - really? Swimmers, snorkelers have been endangered by spear fishermen. (or at least frightened) Laguna is a residential, recreational, natural preserve. NOT a place for commercial fishing. thank you for acting.	
Laguna Beach	498	Donna Kalez	San Clemente	External Proposal A		I support the Fic/Fin #A proposal. We have worked with so many to get this proposal do not ignore the people. Hear our concerns.	
Laguna Beach	499	Mark Kalez	San Clemente	External Proposal A	Laguna Beach	I support the External A, it is the best supported proposal.	
Laguna Beach	500						
Laguna Beach	501						
Laguna Beach	502	Edward Merrilees	Laguna Beach	Topaz- Round 2	Laguna Beach	I support the position voted by the city of Laguna Beach city council to protect the entire length of Laguna from both commercial and recreational fishing and taking for 5 gears.	
Laguna Beach	503	William Callison	Laguna Beach	Topaz- Round 2		I support the city of Laguna Beach on Big Red.	
Laguna Beach	504 / 418 / 505	Kevin Donahue	Mission Viejo	Lapis 1& 2 I Topaz	Subregion 4	These closures are too extensive. Revised external A does the same thing while providing fishable waters.	
Laguna Beach	505 / 504 / 418	Kevin Donahue	Mission Viejo	Revised External Proposal A		Revised External Proposal A provides both habitat and fishable waters. It has large protected areas and areas with fishing. It closes Pt. Vicente SMR & Abalone Cove SMCA & leaves an area north of Palos Verdes Pt. for fishing. The area off Laguna Beach is another example of a reasonable no-take area combined with fishable waters.	
Laguna Beach	506	Brent Crawford	Laguna Beach			Laguna Beach and South Coast - Should leave it as it is - proposal 0 - minimum changes.	

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Laguna Beach	507	Cameron Keast	Laguna Beach	Prop 0		Three Arch Bay should allow all catch and release from rocks and shore. Kelp Bass/Calico Bass Fishing should be catch and release or limit on catch. Fishing those rocks is my life after a hard day of work. Kayak should be allowed. Stop commercial fishing if anything at all. Sand Bass, Calico Bass, halibut, white sea bass, and perch should be allowed for catch and release or keep. Cheange fish keeping limits! Change limites of keeping fish to a much lesser number please. Fishing is my life! Thank you, Cameron Keast.	
Laguna Beach	508	Erika Davidson	Laguna Beach	All	Orange County, Laguna Beach SMR and Solag	Because of the spacing guidelines set out by the sciense advisory team, there needs to be a reserve in our area and Laguna Beach fits all the cirteria. Laguna Beach has habitat replication with potential reserves to the north (Palos Verdes) and to the south (San Diego) to satisfy the connectivity guidelines set out by the science advisory team.	
Laguna Beach	509	Jim Benson	Laguna Beach	All		Leave it alone - I want to go fishing with my son! You liberals can go drink your fine wine at 2:30 forest an eat long lines swordfish and ----- But get your nose out of my freedom!	
Laguna Beach	510	Anne Johnson	Laguna Beach	Laguna Beach Protection Zone		Please protect our shoreline as voted for by our city council 4-1.	
Laguna Beach	511	Tom Giruin	Laguna Beach	Topaz- Round 2		My desire to have a no take marina reserve for as much of Laguna Beach coastline as is possible. My opinion is that the depilation of life in the ocean has reached the point of dangerous proportions. We must take steps to protect our ocean and its contents.	
Laguna Beach	512						
Laguna Beach	513 / 427	Marie Lynn Daurch	Laguna Beach			None of the current proposals meet SAT guidelines. I would prefer larger reserves everywhere. Four of the proposals are versions to fill-in and should be collapsed into one ineffective proposal and then rejected even one of the better proposals (Lapis1) does not meet the S<PA objectives. I would change Lapis 1 the ---SMCA into a SMR and close doen the entire coastline of Laguna Beach Border to Border. It is so arrogant that the consumptries who know that fish is bad just want to keep it open for their pleasure of bagging a few before they are gone.	
Laguna Beach	514 / 530 / 444	Nancy Bushnell	Laguna Beach			This would be my preference if South Laguna-Dana SMCA area turned --- a State Marine Reserve. I want as much protected as possible! If this cannot be done I like Topaz next. We need shoreline.	

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Laguna Beach	515	Wayne Baglin	Laguna Beach	Laguna SMR	Laguna Beach SMCA	If nothing is done now to protect the marine habitat off the Laguna Coast, there is no hope of restoring this marine environment and maintaining a balance of species in the area. I defer to marine scientists the most beneficial boundaries. Our ocean needs nursery habitat to perpetuate recreational and commercial fishing.	
Laguna Beach	516	James Smith	Long Beach	External Proposal A	South Coast Study Region	I am in support of external proposal A. It provides for protected areas while at the same time creates reasonable access to fishing both recreational and sport. The impact to Californians financially and recreationally are not as drastic as the other proposals. Please consider wisely the economic impact to tourism and enforcement as well. thank you. Jim	
Laguna Beach	517	Daniel D. Schumacher	Laguna Beach	Fic Fin Proposals		I feel it covers the requirement the law requires, it still allows me to dive and fish in my backyard. It encompasses a key area for environmental purposes and has been the only consistent area without change throughout this process.	
Laguna Beach	518	S. Larimer	Laguna Beach	LAPIS 1		I would welcome the 7 mile restriction in Laguna Beaches.	
Laguna Beach	519	Barbara Bowie	Laguna Beach	LAPIS 2		Highly in favor of 7 mile protection area.	
Laguna Beach	520	Ray Sharp	Dana Point	Opel Plan for Dana Point		In your closing you should consider the access to ocean by kayak fisherman, at Dana you have easy entry in parlor without surf but shut off most access north. Opal is the better but you should allow kayaks to all areas. (make red and blue yellow) because of low impact on ocean and fish.	
Laguna Beach	521	Brian Woolley	San Clemente	Fic Fin Proposals	Orange County	I feel that zero closures need to transpire. However, due to the unevetable fact that they will happen I see the FIC/FIN proposal captures the best habitat while at the same time offers the lesser amount of socioeconomic impact to me as a sportfishing boat captain.	
Laguna Beach	522	Teresa Essman	Irvine	External Proposal A		I am in favor of External A. I don't think now is the time for extreme closures. The science needs to be the basis not emotions. We do not have the money to properly patrol closed areas. I will not buy a fishing license or spend any money in closed areas if the MLPA adopts anything more extreme than External A	
Laguna Beach	523	Darren Essman	Irvine	External Proposal A		I am in favor of External A. I don't think now is the time for extreme closures. The science needs to be the basis not emotions. We do not have the money to properly patrol closed areas. I will not buy a fishing license or spend any money in closed areas if the MLPA adapt anything more extreme than External A.	

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Laguna Beach	524	Davis Connill	Laguna Beach	Proposal B is the only one that makes any sense		The existing protection is fine.	
Laguna Beach	525	Betsy Bredan	Laguna Beach	Marine reserve for all of laguna	Orange County	I strongly support the strongest protection of our marine life. The destruction of our coastal watersheds must stop.	
Laguna Beach	526	Michael Saitta	Laguna Beach	SMR	Laguna	This is the one change for a coastal reserve that will allow the tide pools to recover from the devastation of the past fifty years. SMR doesn't actually go far enough-It should be the entire Laguna Beach coastline.	
Laguna Beach	527	Amee Penso	Mission Viejo	Lapis 1		I feel that this plan takes into consideration both sides fairly. I do think that one subject that is not being addressed that has both sides in agreement over is the banning of spear fishing in all of Laguna. They are generally reckless and endanger more marine life than fishing off shore and out of the kelp forest.	
Laguna Beach	528	Arnold Hang	Laguna Beach			All of Laguna's coast as a reserve. No "sport" fishing. No spear gun-no fishing boats inside 3-mile limit. We need to replenish depleted marine life.	
Laguna Beach	529 / 413	Bonnie Hano	Laguna Beach	Designating the entire 7 miles of the Laguna Coast will facilitate enforcement. We need to give the sea life a chance to renew & this coast is ideal for that purpose.			
Laguna Beach	530 / 514 / 444	Nancy Bushnell	Laguna Beach	Topaz is #1	Laguna Beach	After 30 years living on the coast, I want as much protection of the natural wild life in Laguna's water & water edge. (it is critical & we are in a critical time. Topaz on Oceanside to Mexico too for same reasons! Lapis #2	
Laguna Beach	531 / 447	David Pliska	Irvine	External Proposal A	Dana Point SMCA and Doheny SMCA	As a kayak fisherman, I can appreciate the Dan Point and Doheny SMCA's so long as there are no changes to the take from the current SMCA's. Any new restrictions to Halibut , White Sea Bass, Calico Bass, or Sand Bass would force kayak fishermen out of range; put us in a dangerous situation; or completely shut us out from fishing.	
Laguna Beach	532	Marc Ozimec	Costa Mesa	Lapis 1	PV, Catalina, L.B, L.J	I cannot possibly support Lapis 1 due to the devastating economic repercussions.	
Laguna Beach	533	Marc Ozimec		Lapis 2	PV, Catalina, L.B, L.J	Duplicate of 532	
Laguna Beach	534	Marc Ozimec		Opal	PV, Catalina, L.B, L.J	Duplicate of 533	
Laguna Beach	535	Marc Ozimec		Topaz	PV, Catalina, L.B, L.J	Duplicate of 534	

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Laguna Beach	537	Marc Ozimec		External A	PV, Catalina, L.B, L.J	Duplicate of 536	
Laguna Beach	538	Zehava Purim-Adimor	Irvine	Topaz	Laguna Beach	I support the Topaz proposal. Laguna Beach should be SMR. Provide basic training before fishing license.	
Laguna Beach	539	Sharon Koch	Newport Beach	Topaz	Laguna Beach	We support the proposed Topaz draft and would like to see all of Laguna Beach in the reserve area.	
Laguna Beach	540	Robbie Helfman	Irvine	Topaz	Laguna Beach	I think that the most beneficial proposal is Topaz. It offers the widest amount of protection and reserve. This proposal is a must due to increase in marine damage.	
Laguna Beach	541	Pham Peter	Santa Ana			I support Laguna reserve and all proposals for Laguna and Topaz proposal for Laguna Beach to be protected.	
Laguna Beach	542	Miho Umezarra	Irvine	Topaz	Laguna Beach	Topas has the best proposal esp in Orange County-Laguna Beach. From looking at the other proposals 4 of them are very similar (Ext A) which does not leave working room for the RSG members. I support making all of Laguna Beach a SMR. We need to make sure to follow the SAT guidelines to make this process a success which means larger MPAs as a whole.	
Laguna Beach	543	Ratch Maxwell	Laguna Beach	Topaz, Round 2	Newport beach to agua headlands	Maximize area of no extraction for 5 years monitor populations annually.	
Laguna Beach	544	Jinger Wallace	Laguna Beach	All proposals		None follow the science guidelines and ignore the fundamental purpose of the MLPA. No ones life will be destroyed, fishing may be inconvenienced but not eliminated. There is plenty of fishing south of Laguna at saltcreek, Nigues Shores, D.P, Edison Reef (San Clemente) to Oceanside. Spearfisherman in south Laguna would only travel 5 minues to Salt Creek. Slightly inconvenienced, yes, but nothing important. No ones lifestyle will be destroyed.	
Laguna Beach	545	Jinger Wallace	Laguna Beach	All proposals		Duplicate of 544	

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Laguna Beach	546	Barbara Metzger	Laguna Beach		Laguna Beach, Subregion 4	As I understand it, the stakeholders' group that is reviewing or creating these proposals is heavily weighted toward people who oppose the idea of reserves and would prefer none at all. So far none of the proposals meets the scientific guidelines/criteria. It seems unlikely that this process is going to produce appropriate reserves. I hope that the Blue Ribbon Task Force will be able to craft them when Round 3 is over. Laguna Beach should be entirely reserve in terms of the scientific criteria, and I hope eventually will be.	
Laguna Beach	547	Robert W. Hartman	Laguna Beach	MPA-Proposal O		I totally support leaving Laguna Beach that is presently represented in Proposal O. We do not have major commercial fishing here. We do have recreational fishing and that is a good thing. Leave Laguna as it presently exists.	
Laguna Beach	548						
Laguna Beach	549	John C. Hall	Laguna Beach	Lapis/Topaz or entire coast of Laguna Beach South Coast			
Laguna Beach	550	Cindalee Penney-Hall	Laguna Beach	Lapis or Topaz or the entire coast of Laguna. South Coast	Laguna coast	I want to see proposals that meet the preferred science guidelines	
Laguna Beach	551	Sara Davis	Irvine	Lapis/Topaz or entire coast of Laguna Beach South Coast	Study Region	Laguna Beach is unique in its habitat formation and should be protected along its coast.	
Laguna Beach	552	Elizabeth Lambe	Long Beach	Lapis 1		I support Lapis 1 because it is the closest one to supporting the scientific advisory guidelines.	
Laguna Beach	553						
Laguna Beach	554	Frank Werner	Mission Viejo	Opal	Subregion 4	This is the most acceptable of the proposal for this region as a shore based and private boaters & fisherman.	
Laguna Beach	555	Frank Werner	Mission Viejo	Opal	Subregion 5	Duplicate of 554	
Laguna Beach	556	Frank Werner	Mission Viejo	Opal	Subregion 6	Duplicate of 554	
Laguna Beach	557	Harry Bithell	Laguna Beach	Proposal O		Please leave Laguna as it exists at this time. We do not need to compound our current employment by eliminating commercial fishing.	
Laguna Beach	558	Jan Herkelratal				Leave it alone.	
Laguna Beach	559	Jinger Wallace	Laguna Beach	All proposals		Duplicate of 544	
Laguna Beach	560	John Rioadi	San Juan Cir.	Proposal B		consideration + recreational fishing interests.	

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Laguna Beach	561	Andre Satakian	Irvine	Topaz	Subregion 4- Laguna SMR	I appreciate that the Topaz proposal includes the largest SMR as compared to other proposals. I believe it is important for Laguna Beach to embrace a no-take policy in order to keep the coast pristine and available for future generations to enjoy!	
Laguna Beach	562	Chris Lupin	Mission Viejo	Opal	Point Dume SMCA	This SMCA does not permit spearfishing, except for bonito. Bonito are not particularly valued gamefish for spearfishermen and this SMCA should be opened to allow all pelagics. Only allowing one type of fish is basically an SMR for spearfishermen.	
Laguna Beach	563	Stephen Gothue	Anaheim Hills	External Proposal A		I feel that External proposal A to be effective in achieving the goals of the MLPA while the other maps are unnecessarily restrictive.	
Laguna Beach	564	Shauna Badheka	Laguna Beach			Setting a defined limit and zone for marine protection will benefit the ecology on the whole and will allow the entire ecosystem to flourish, not just certain "valuable" species. Continued scientific, social & economic research is necessary to support these proposals and importantly these findings must be shared with the public. Additionally, in response to the argument that commercial fisheries will be hurt, there needs to be a grassroots change in mind set that there is only demand for what the environment can sustain. This however, can be implemented down the road so that if implemented, these MLPA's can be respected and serve their purposes. Overall this forum of the ideas from the community is great & fosters implementation of collective ideas for the greatest good.	
Laguna Beach	565						
Laguna Beach	566	Allan Beek	Newport Beach	All three	Subregion 3- labeled 4 on the side-by-side	During the season when nesting activity is not underway, water skiing (with boat speed up to 15 mph) should be allowed, with appropriate boat launching at big canyon. This is an historic tradition use that meets an enormous recreational demand. No other area of calm water (harbor) is available.	
Laguna Beach	567	Ken & Valerie Wallace	Laguna Beach			There was none that I would like to see. We want a SMR from North Laguna to south Laguna. As much as possible and other coastal areas for a cooling off period.	
Laguna Beach	568	Tom Osborne	Laguna Beach	Topaz	Laguna Beach	To maximize the health of Laguna's marine environment I want the entire Laguna Beach coastline to be a (red, not take) protected area. I'm concerned about the safety of ocean swimmers like myself who are at risk of injury or worse at the hands of spearfisherman who currently hunt in the coves where I and others swim and snorkel.	

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Laguna Beach	569	Ginger Osborne	Laguna Beach	Topaz		The Topaz proposal comes closest to what I see as beneficial for the region out the SMR should include all fo Laguna Beach. This is an area of great marine habitat diversity and great recreational use. Efforts to set introduce kelp forests in this area are being made and establishing a SMR in for all of Laguna Beach will aid in protecting the kelp.	
Laguna Beach	570	Lance Allen	Santa Ana	External Proposal A	Orange County	I support the smallest closures that would limit my access to coastal areas in Laguna Beach for consumptive recreational purposes. Laguna Beach has the easiest access to beaches for use by my children and I.	
Laguna Beach	571	Glenette Farrell			South Laguna/Ora nge County	Save room for our recreational fishing! Proposal O. Save marine life by proper instruction & patrolling.	
Laguna Beach	572	Mike Yunch	Laguna Beach	Proposal 0	Laguna Beach	Keep the recreational places as they are now. Don't change anything!! All fo Laguna Beach should be catch and release except for Calico bass, sand bass, halibut and whitesea bass. Everything else should be prohibited to keep but can be caught and released. Make the limit of those fish that can be kept to 3 for bass.	
Laguna Beach	573	Lucy Kramer	Laguna Beach	All	Orange county: Laguna Beach SMR-soulag	Laguna Beach has a critical habitat composed of Rocky intertidal, kelp forests, sandy bottoms, surf grass, etc and would benefit by having a reserve the size fo 12.5-18 square miles. It is ideal for a reserve because of the diverse habitat aparent above.	
San Pedro	574	Michael Bowline	Manhattan Beach	Comments Specific to Palos Verdes. Lapis 1: Closes prime fishing close to Redondo Harbor. Lapis 2 and External A: -Cardine Hill Trail should be left open for recreational fishing. - Shift Point Vicente SMR North Boundary South to Long Point. -Shift Portuguese Bend East to Compensate for loss area. Opal + Topaz are take to much prime fishing habitat.			

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San Pedro	575	Greg Barnicoat	San Gabriel	Can methods be stated for the proper procedures for transporting catch fishing equipment through and MPA for boat, kayak, etc? Since craft vary it would have to be something in the nature of no hooks on line(some jet skis, kayaks cannot stow rods). I understand that the DFG would have to be instrumental in defining the procedure so that they may enforce it. -Can low impact craft (non motorized) be exempted from any future changes in access to all MPA? (By access I only mean as a travel path to and from fishing areas and launches). Such craft would include kayaks, sailboats, surfboards. -Can anyone provide examples of how creating more MPAs is likely to "improve the educational and recreational...opportunities provided by the Ecosystem? Other than fish watching divers I see no recreational improvement "provided by the Ecosystem" and same for educational (Marine Biology Dive Classes).			
San Pedro	576a	Jesus Magana	Gardena	I think it's important for you guys to right all these proposals in easy to read words. Reading most of these regulations I don't understand because you use technical terms, please Write them so people like me and others can understand them. In proposal A I will like for Point Vincent & PV be open because if its closed I wont be able to travel safe from Palos Verdes to Portuguese Bend to the lanch ramp. Im a kayak fisherman & I only fish about one 9 month and sometime keap a fish wich is not a big impact 2 fish populations. I also would like 2 be able to travel with fish threw the closures with out being in trouble. Im a kayake fisherman so I need to travel past a closure safely to get back home .			If & when closures come please post up sighs and tell people. Most people don't pick up a booklet and read it. Please write & explains everything clearly and draw maps so I can see detail & know. I feel like I'm guessing & I want to be sure.
San Pedro	576b	Jesus Magana		I want to see this in writing so I can believe it. Everyone is saying I can bot its not in paper so it doesn't count. If I cant fish were I usualy like to fish safely I don't think I will buy a fishing licence. I want to catch & release fish after a hard day of work. If I can't theres no point in buying a fishing licence.			
San Pedro	577a	David Magana	Gardena	Lapis 1: Draft Proposal if this draft goes into effect it will effect all of us kayakers, and not only kayakers, but fisherman; fisherman that enjoy what they like doing fishing. What this proposal is asking for is to shut down a lot of fishing spots in the South Coast. This will hurt all of the local tackle shops out there. It will hurt them were it hurts. If one looks on how our economy see how it is doing at this moment. It is not doing good! By passing this proposal this will not make things better. This will hurt us fisherman, kayakers & everyone that enjoy fishing by closing down local spots. All of the people that own tackle shops will suffer impar of this proposal. Despite on how how our economy is looking now. Tackle shop owners that have their business near these areas that the MLPA Initiative are proposals will cause most of these business owners to close their business do to these proposals.		Round 2 - Opal Draft MPA Proposal: Again, it effect all of us fisherman & businesses. It would be good to not close so many places of fishing down because it will hurt all of us fisherman. It will in such a way destroy our hobby of fishing.	Overall I think that this process is unfair for Fishermen and local business, I hope that this proposal is reconsidered and chhanged that way it will not effect us fisherman that live in these Ares that they want to close. It will be a good idea to instead enforce the sizes of each fish or like close surfing fishing for different species for different seasons. for example: Rock fishing can only be limited to be caught from: Date - Date. something like that will be better. Thanks

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San Pedro	577b	David Magana		Lapis 2 Draft Proposal: Again, for this proposal will effect all fisherman, which include kayakers, boat fishing, etc. I think that again will hurt all business such as tackle shops. This proposal will make them close down despite how thing are with our economy. All of us fisherman will no longer be able to enjoy fishing because of all of the restrictions and for all of the local areas that are proposing to close. The fishing dream will no long exist and this will make us fisherman sad and unhappy.			
San Pedro	578	Mark Dulton	San Pedro	I believe Lapis 1 is too restrictive. I also question the science behind the Lapis proposals. I support External Proposal A. and B. I think that as sportsmen we are being steamrolled in this process. I don't like the fact that private money is funding this whole process.			
San Pedro	579	MinIn Luu	Gramada Hills	I am a kayak fisherman. I support External A I fished Palos Verdes threw Santa Monica. I hate to lose my fishing spot and mainly is the safe launch for kayaker			
San Pedro	580a	Jason Morton	Porter Ranch	I support Proposal A. I am most interested in expressing my support in a proposal that does not close elements/areas around Point Dume such as Point Done canyon, Big Dume, Big Kelp Reef, Little Dume or anywhere else around Paradise Cove. There are several safe kayak "put ins" (launch/landing zones) along and near adjacent. Dan Blocker, Corral Cyn, Latigo, Escondido, Point Dume, and Westwards. These launches with the exception of Point Dume, receive natural protection from the East facing bluffs stretching from West of the Paradise Cove Pier to beyond or West of the tip of Point Dume. This natural swell and wind block can be seen from plane, Catalina Island, and from outer space. My point being that it's sheer size has significant impact on certain "adverse" marine conditions.			
San Pedro	580b	Jason Morton		It's a natural buffer that allows us to safely launch and fish a stretch of coastline that has significantly rebounded and continues to improve now that the commercial netters and trawlers have been removed. If kayakers lose fishing access to these areas, they will be forced North to face more extreme conditions. Broad Beach, Predras, Pescador, and Matador are difficult kayak launches. Broad Beach has difficult surf as it gets both a beach break and a point break, the latter beaches are at the base of towering bluffs scaling these would be dangerous with kayaks. Nicolas Cyn. has access but the surf or break is legendary for Big Surf. Leo Corillo is covered in rocks.... County Line is relentless with sets. I am convinced that kayak anglers will be forced into hazardous and risky areas. Overnight the residual affect would be more accidents			

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San Pedro	581a	David Ferry	San Pedro	As a "Low Impact" kayak fisherman, I enjoy the easy access to safe launches a few likes and dislikes are as follows: Lapis 1 -Lachusa + P + Dune closures to nothing for marine life. Only proposed to increase property value in beach front areas. Do not like Palos Verdes SMR - Huge negative economic impact to local business ie. tackle/bait shops restaurants, shortfishing. Farrsworth needs to stay open - only good fishing for short trip sportfishing fleets closing this will hurt business big time. External Proposal A - Supports all conservation exemptst yet still allows sportfishing with minimal impact on local business. This map is the most realistic if passage through SMR's is granted with game on board but no-fishing equipment is in use. How will the public be aware of these closures? GPS updates, bouys? Who will enforce the MPA's Who will fund the enforcement?		If we want to cleanup our local waters and protect our marine life we need to spend time and money on our States sewage systems. If we want to protect Palos Verdes why is everyone avoiding the ____ contamination site. I would think that this area would be priority rather than closing surrounding areas and forcing people to move form clear waters to contaminated waters. Anglers spend big bucks every year (licences, tackle, fuel, food, charters). Closures to certain areas will cause this spending to stop. Why waste money to fish unfishable areas? We all need to do our part to keep our world clean Green" is the new way of life. Everyone is conscious of what we need to do. C.P.R. catch - photograph -release	
San Pedro	581b	David Ferry		I believe that seasonal species closures and adjustments to take limits and size limits will have a better impact on marine life then unrealistic closures. The State can not even place the funding to support current regulations.			
San Pedro	582	Chris Hale	Torrance	Proposal A gets my approval and I believe that it should be pushed forward when the BRTF presents it's proposal to the Department of Gish and Game			
San Pedro	583	Vencent Gallezes	San Pedro	Round 2 - Revised External Proposal A It's a perfect balance.			
San Pedro	584	Aracely Garcia	San Pedro	Round 2 - Revised Exernal Proposal A. Proposal A gives our fishermen the opportunity to continue fishing around our coast, yet limiting the areas mostly affected. I believe that proposal A is the most reasonable. For in order to get you must give and I can definately see more people working with it.			San Pedro is known for their great fishing, so many people from Southern CA come have to fish. Its one of our major attractions and I would really hate for fishing to be some what banned!
San Pedro	585	Juan Garcia	San Pedro	Round 2 - Revised external proposal A. I support external proposal A. Due to the fact tht it lets fisherman fish in a good amount of space.			
San Pedro	586	Jim Salazar	Palos Verdes				Planning + Designing the MLPA is paid for..... But where will the money to enforce this MLPA come from? The State is issuing IOUs now and making cuts ever where how can the DEF afford this added to their shrinking budget? Please wait until funds are available to implement the MLPAs

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San Pedro	587	Antonio Scerra	San Pedro	Round 2: Revised External Proposal A External A keeps much of the supposed, severely impacted marine life species in a wide-spread "safetly net." In return, it enables the recreational and commercial fisherman to continue their hobbies and occupation in comfort. There is exceptional reserved, conserved and preserved area for marine life. There is also ample area for continuous enjoyable fishing. I know that External Proposal A is the perfect point of intersection between both Pro fishermen and the opposing group. I understand there are many reasons from various groups for closures, but there is a fine line between those who want and don't want fishing. External Proposal A is the perfect agreement.			I want my grandchildren and their children to enjoy fishing. That is why I understand the closures. If every area is overfished, the future fisherman will be forced to travel elsewhere rather than their backyard to fish and catch fish.
San Pedro	588	Mark Mathis	Torrance	As a camper, kayak and surf fisherman 1st I support the MPA. I do have a concern where kayakers and surf fishing is combined with the large party boats when restrictions are applied. As part of the proposal regulations I would like to see allowance written like the spearfisherman currently got. For the Santa Monica Bay area. I like the Point Dune SMR with the restriction only protecting less than half of BKR. For Point Vicente SMR the proposed Lapis 2 draft is perfered. Further North I would like to see no restrictions in the Big Sycamore area or change all propals to SMCA with allowance for surf, spear + kayak fishing. Lapis 1 proposal for Palos Verdes the narrow base to the shore is prefered but the Northern line of Topaz and Southern of Lapis 1 is a better match.		All individuals presenting to more were very courtious and innformative.	It's a good start. I do have concern of restricting shore/surf fishing considering in So. Cal. We only have a few hours in the morning and evening to fish around the crowds. Make exceptions in the proposed regulations for surf fishing. Remember restricting fishermen restricts funding for our game warden's. Conservation groups have a history of making restricted areas without funding to support. Some end up worse than allowing paid access. Be sure to honor the agreed upon rules. If a proposal is voted so be it. By honoring the voting process I will support the out come. Keep up the hard work.
San Pedro	589	Rigg Magana	Gardena	I propose that you give more information about what kind of fish should be fished and what kind shouldn't. More than anything, put information out in Spanish, signs that say the rules for fishing. For example, the measurements of fish we can fish, and which fish we shouldn't fish including pictures, and what areas we can fish in and where not to fish. And that the fishing (regulators?) be more flexible. For example, tell people the rules for fishing on the piers or on stones and talk to people fishing to give them the information, because people take everything they fish, no matter the size or the kinds of fish. This is my commentary. Thank you and please put signs in Spanish, as well as pamphlets and instructions.			
San Pedro	590	Kevin Swenson	Long Beach	I strongly support external proposal A. I would like to see "monanged palegic finfish taken from the SMCA at Portugese Bend and as a recreational kayak fisherman, I practice (90%) mostly "catch & release". Many freshwater fisheries are managed catch's release" - maybe this could be implemented in areas to continue recreational fishing. "C & R on artificial bait only"... like in the Sierra. I fish Halibut in Dana/Doheney and do enjoy the occasional fillet. Please keep these areas open to recreational fishing. Lapis 1 would be unfair and would have devastating financially and personally to many wholove the ocean and depend on her for their income.		Please provide for recreational fishing at point Formin. Do not close Rocky Point, it is the most vital area to sport fishing in the area. Please allow for recreational fishing at Dana Pt. and Doheney Beach.	I am gaining faith in the process, though it seems bias against consumptive users. I fear for the future result, since the State is broke and enforcement has not been considered. "Water Quality" should be a priority, not aside note or SAT issue.

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San Pedro	591	Bruce Mac Lean	San Pedro	I support proposal B - I live in San Pedro and fish 2-3 times a week on a 3/4 day boat - mostly to Catalina - I am an enthusiastic Bass (Calico) fisherman - I don't mind the slot limit - I release most Big Calicos anyway - I think a 5 fish limit - (calicos) is ok.			
San Pedro	592	Bruce D. Flynn	Downey	I truly believe that any of your proposals are damaging to the sport fishing industry. A real solution is to create more artifical reefs to provide an abundant haven for fish to grow. Any one that looks at their fish finder can see that it is a desert on the ocean bottom. The areas that are proposed to close are the only structure areas where kelp + fish grow. The fry will get carried away from the structure in the current only to be eaten by predators due to lack of more reefs. Since I'm forced to vote under a diress situation I choose Round 2 Revised External Proposal B.			I hope you take my comment very seriously. Thanks Bruce D. Flynn
San Pedro	593a	Noah Plunkett	San Pedro	Hello. My name is Noah Plunkett. I am very concerned about the size of the proposed MLPA's. Especially in the Palos Verdes area. We fish the area often with my family. Usually between Pt Vincente and Abalone Cove. We fish here A. - because it is scenic and B. - because it is somewhat calmer from the wind and swell. My concern is that in Proposal Round 2 Lapis 2 / Round 2 External A + Round 2 External B this area is off limits to recreational fishing but open to seiners. Are you serious? What are you trying to protect? Do you think the Seiners will help you accomplish your goals? By raping the ocean floor for squid and bait? What about6 the by catch?		I will not get hotel rooms like I used to when we could fish freely. I will not buy fuel. I will not buy tackle. I will not purchase food or goods that I used to when the ocean, or the most senic / productive areas are closed. We are firing teachers. We are closing State Parks. MLPA's are not fiscally responsible in this time of crisis. Please moderate your extremist stance. Minimalize the impact of the closers. Treat the people that utilize these areas equally! Blue is Red to me!	
San Pedro	593b	Noah Plunkett		So - I can't spend sometime in that area with friends or family fishing, but the commercial guys can pound it with nets? That is a travisty of a sham. I'm about ready to sel my boat I am so sick of you orer regulating eco-maniacs I cannot stand it. I will not purchase a fishing licence in 2010! I will tell all of my frinds not to purchase a licenses.			
San Pedro	594a	Randy Wise	Glendora	*First, let me say that I am extremely relieved to see that External C is no longer being seen on any maps. The damage this extreme proposal will cause Californians is... well extreme. * Opal appears to include Abalone Cove and I feel this Cove should be protected as a SMR. It has enjoyed being a SMCA for some time and would benefit the area and the Sea life more than a North Palos Verdes closure. * In Topaz the PV closure starts at Lunada Bay but fails to include Abalone Cove. The shift to the South would stay with in protection intentions and make Abalone Cove a special place. * In Lapis 1 - The extreme Malibu Point Dune closure is not only unnecessary but it puts lobster fishermen out of business. There is no real reason for this as it is not this extreme in any other proposal.			

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San Pedro	594b	Randy Wise		* Lapis 2 appears to meet the intention of the bill and it prevents the financial catastrophe to the fishing industry and the supporting businesses that could be impacted by the next phase of this process. I personally understand that you will need closures. Please limit the financial impact before giving the coast to special interest groups who do not use it anyway. The Point Dune closure is extreme and could use some revision for Round 3. Thank you			
San Pedro	595a	Erlinda Coaez	Long Beach	Thank you for having the public have more input. As a school teacher, whale watch volunteer w. ACS/Cabrillo aquarium, Sierra Club leader, and a fish eater. Also my father is a fisherman & I feel like I am a stakeholder that can try to have a balanced and objective viewpoint. After spending time out in the ocean and seeing and taking school groups/agencies to the outdoors, I believe it's important to have certain areas need more protection to have a sustainable population of fish come back. I like the proposals that show more protection around Catalina Island (red - Twin Harbors & red on the South Western area) I would like to see more protection around Bosa Chica Countyside of the new opening - preferably red - wetlands are a nursery and have seen giant White Sea Bass in the wetlands).			
San Pedro	595b	Erlinda Coaez		I would like to see a bigger connection from Crystal Cove down to Dana Point. Certain areas are broken in spots. I do have to admit I enjoy my seafood, however I remember pictures of big fish and the Tuna that were to be caught off our waters. We are best if we have more protection and larger area to be designated with more protection. Then as the population returns and becomes more sustainable we can revisit the areas and redesignate to less protection. It's better in the long run and for the bigger picture to really give the local fishing industries as a volunteer whale watch naturalist, we work with fishing boats (which helps sustain them during the slow times) and then they revert back to fishing to April. I hear the stories of the fish they use to be able to catch and the sizes now. I believe we can strive to find a good balance to satisfy all stakeholders yet we still need to sacrifice stronger & bigger areas of protection to eventually reach those goals.			
San Pedro	596	Anthony Altons	Torrance	In reference to Lapis 1 and Lapis 2 Please do not close down these sections of game fishing + diving. I have fished in most of these areas of Lapis 1 + Lapis 2 and have found differences in the amount of wild life through the years (25 years). For example; one year horrible fishing, the next great fishing/diving. I believe that complete control/closure is overkill & will not affect wild life, based on next year of fishing/diving these areas, as well as the small business. Our economy is hurting people. Why make matters worse. PS This must be a democrat/liberal doing this. If so I'm not surprised.			

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San Pedro	597a	No Name	Long Beach	While spawning aggregations of fish do not represent or occur over unique habitat, they are an important, unique characteristic of Southern California ecology. Barred sand bass, in particular, are one of the most prized recreational fish species and are heavily targeted during the summer when they form large spawning aggregations over sand flats - a habitat that does not receive credit from the SAT. Because sand bass are targeted during a critical time in their life history and because they comprise an important niche within the rock-reef / sand ecotone during other times of the year, it seems extremely important to protect at least one of these historical spawning aggregation sites.			
San Pedro	597b	No Name		Not one of these sites is captured within any of the regional proposals, except for perhaps the Tijuana River Mouth SMCAs proposed by Lapis 1 & 2 and the Tijuana River Mouth SMCAs proposed by Lapis 1 & 2 and the Tijuana River Mouth SMR, although I'm not certain they extend far enough offshore. The Imperial Beach SMCA is too small & does not offer a high enough level of protection to receive credit from the SAT.			
San Pedro	598a	Andrea Lien	San Pedro	As a local fisherperson of the Palos Verdes Peninsula area I am greatly concerned at all areas effected by an proposals 1 completely understand limiting even prohibiting commercial fishing w / in a certain distance from shore. As a recreation of these areas kayaking etc. I truly feel these are extreme measures of limitation. Not all evarts human activities have detrimental impact but if feels judged as such - from Pt Conception to Mexico on a closing note. During this time of State fiscal crisis the proposals (even the presentation of these proposal) seem out of step w /the climate. Teachers are being fired & lost; many State Parks are closing, need I continue....? Who funds these programs who supplies the resources it seems the "efforts" could be focused or toned down especially when our area is to be "capped" at the Montrose super fund sight. No more fishing at all??? No license sales - even less Monetary resources for our Fish & Game Dept. to do "their protection" of the area.			
San Pedro	598b	Andrea Lien		Last Question, are we wasting our time w / these meetings and comments? Is this a done deal like so many "proposals" are. Going thru the motions.			
San Pedro	599	Kurt Lieber	Huntington Beach	I have been scuba diving in So. Cal. Since 1979. I have witnessed a steady decline in the amount and size of the fish. Abalone I have gone commercially extinct. I am in favor of No Take Zones. A study in Scotland revealed a 100% increase in the lobster population when they created a No Take Zone as compared to an adjacent area that was open to commercial fishing. I support the Topaz proposal for Orange County. I support the Topaz proposal for subregion 1. I support the revised ext proposal B for subregion 2. I support the revised ext. Proposal B for subregion 7. I support the revised ext. proposal A for . The beneits of the No Take Zones are long term solutions. Our future generations deserve a healthy environment. It has social as well as economic value.			

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San Pedro	600	Mike Mulligan	Hermosa Beach	<p>RE: Palos Verdes</p> <p>Lapis 1 - I'm concerned with how much coastal access is being taken. Also with Luanda Bay falling into this area my concern of restricting access to surfing in this legendary spot.</p> <p>Lapis 2 - I can live with . Signs would need to be posted at the Pt Vicente fishing access, but at least not too may trails would be compromised.</p> <p>Opal - Still takes a lot of area, but at least it is towards the Southern end and a few trails are going to fall into the area, but better than others.</p> <p>Topaz 2 - After External C is the scariest map for me and takes away the most coastal access, It would be the most difficult for me as a shore diver.</p> <p>External A - Very similar to Lapis 2 and takes away the least coast access. I would support this.</p> <p>External B - Can definitely support as it leaves the most coastal access spots open.</p>		<p>As I am a newer diver to the sport of spear fishing, I am not as well informed as to other places, yet know of a few that I would like to emphasize. I would like to see Point Dune in Malibu kept open. I would like to see a smaller sized reserve in the Laguna area. I would prefer to have a reserve in Del Mar than the La Jolla area. I haven't love these places as much as Palos Verdes, because they are a little farther to drive yet I hear are also very productive spots.</p> <p>Please keep in mind that there are many more trails to the coast on the North and West side of PV than to the South. There are already some good educational opportunities at Whites Pt. and Pt Fermin. So I wouldn't mind to see a reserve over at that side of the peninsula.</p>	<p>I appreciate the efforts of all involved for their work in compromising. I would like to see the reserves kept to a smaller size so the impact wouldn't be so great. I wish that more time would be granted to the process so more scientific data can be implemented and available to make better informed decisions.</p>
San Pedro	601	Jonathan Cole	Redondo Beach	<p>Lapis 1- Will move fishing pressure North to PV + Rat; kayaking from King to South of SMR will be too dangerous.</p> <p>Lapis 2 - For better balance I flexibility over Lapis 1 for kayaking South from King. Preserves larger area between SMR + SMCA South of PV hard to implement SMR vs SMCA.</p> <p>Opal - Best for my wants but may not be aggressive enough to gain F &G support. Too much distance between Malibu + PV SMRS. Probably favors King sport over SP sport.</p> <p>Topaz - Good proposal for kayaking South from Kings makes kayaking North of PV SMR unsafe but concentrates preservation South enough - similar for my view point to Opal.</p> <p>External A - Similar to Lapis 2 for me. Unknown if external proposals will carry enough weight to win implementation at F & G level.</p> <p>External B - Not aggressive enough on PV to have a chance to win, but love the idea. Kayakers need to be able to cross red zones with catch zones with catch + gear from - to legal zones.</p>			
San Pedro	602	Russell Czuleger	Redondo Beach	<p>Don't like Rd 2 Lapis 1. Goes to far into Santa Monica Bay. Other drafts better in that respect. Would like SMP or SMCA for Palos Verdes / Point Fermin area. People like to fish and the closer the better. Why don't the current limit be lowered with fish limits. Lengths of fish be increased. All of this proposals are worthless to Fish & Game wardens are not around to enforce the laws. The authorized amount of Fish & Game wardens is the some as in 1900. All other law enforcement agencies in the State are not even close to the number of personal that existed 100 years ago. If people really wanted different species protected why not enforce the current laws with one thousand wardons. A larger number of wardens would have more impact than all new zones being contemplated.</p>			

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San Pedro	603	William G. Raus Jr.	Seal Beach	Round 2 - Lapis 1 - Need to keep Rocky Point, Laguna Beach, La Jolla open to recreational fishing - otherwise, I can live with Lapis 1 Lapis 2 - Upper Newport Bay should be a Marine Reserve - (is already a Marine Sanctuary) lower Newport Bay is not a natural habitat by any means but productive for certain types of recreational fishing. Oal Draft MPA Proposal - Too many unnecessary closures - don't like Topaz Draft - Catalina Island - "Long Point" should be a State Marine Reserve only leave Laguna and La Jolla open. Revised External Proposal "A" - I can support this proposal as it would be cheaper, give the science more time to develop data - do closures help? External Proposal B - As a recreational fisherman I think this proposal is realistic, will-thoughtout and submitted in good faith. It would cost less to enforce and monitor		Lapis 1 - Palos Verde - SIB SMP - not SMR due to it's access to it's access to seaonal Palasic spieces and ocean enforced fish such as White Sea Bass and Halibut. Lapis 2 - Laguna Beach and La Jolla should be SMP - not closed	1) Need to take seriously the report prepared (by 24 stakeholders) June 2006 entitled "A critique of the MLPA Initiative Process" - Well written and says it all. 2) Remember - The State is broke - keep it simple - Big Government is expensive. 3) Be careful - there are constitutional issues involved that are far from settled. The State can't afford law suits
San Pedro	604	Don R. Bell	Rancho Palos Verdes	External Proposal A - Over all this map is the best compromise in my opinion. I am a kayak fisherman - so one of my largest concerns would be sage access, this map seems to provide this in the most complete way. One change I would like to see is in regard to the area of Rocky Point & Portuguese Bend. There is a new launch & public access point available at Ternnea Resorts, and the Point Vicente SMR & Portuguese Bend SMCA will make launching here useless - Now it is a safe & calm launch please reconsider this change - Also kayak fishing should be afforded a level of protection similar to the spear fishermen we are low impact & caliber free Thank you for you time I will add to this page & opinion to other maps online later			
San Pedro	605	Terry Prodan	Redondo Beach	I favor Revised External Proposal B as the least prohibitive to the sport fishing interests at our citizens and would minimize the economic impact to our fishing fleets and tackle shops, marina businesses and tourist industry			
San Pedro	606a	Jose Martin	Azusa, CA	My main concern as recreational kayak fisherman is the Palos Verdes area. Lapis 1 shuts down the area I like to fish, and I am not happy with this. Lapis 2 allows me to fish my area but my concern is the placement of the SMR. The reason being not being able to transport my catch across the proposed SMR if I were to launch from my entry point at Terreneas Resort. This is also the same with the Opal Proposal. The Topaz Proposal takes some of my fishing area in Palso Verdes, so I do not support this proposal External Proposal A, I love. It _____me access to fish my Palos Verdes area as we as in La Jolla and I do not lose too much. I understand we must compromise, but in our compromise consider our safe entry & exit points as kayak fishermen. We are very limited in areas we can fish, and pushing us to paddle farther from an area we launch from puts us in increased danger. I take my nephew fishing with me and he is only 8 years old.			I feel the overall MPA process needs to be put on hold. How can we allow this process to be privately funded when the entity proposed to fund this process, has special interests? State Parks have been closed to offset CA budget, yet we are going to implemen a process that is estimated to cost \$30 - \$35 million a year. Please keep the kayak fishermen safety in mind as we also take our young ones with us.
San Pedro	606b	Jose Martin		I tie a rope to my kayak and tow him to our fishing grounds. Closing an area would make us paddle farther which means I now have to consider safety of padding to an area we can fish. In SMCA please allow take of Yellowtail, White Seabass & Halibut.			
San Pedro	607	Richard Valdez Sr.	Carson			As a kayaker fisherman I would not have the range to trail the 3.5 miles that would be required by the new proposed initiative	

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San Pedro	608	Richard Valdez Sr.	Carson			Due to the financial climate of California's economy this proposal will hinder revenues collected by the State that may farther perpetuate the recent instability.	
San Pedro	609	Richard Valdez Sr.	Carson			When kayaking out 3.5 miles and weather and boat traffic give a sudden change this becomes a safety issue.	
San Pedro	610	Richard Bartow	Torrance			As an avid sportsman this is another potential restriction that would limit yet another great past time of California's	
San Pedro	611	Michael La Riva	Long Beach	For ALL proposals		Please provide for some shore access for spear fishing at Pt. Vincente and Long Point. Please consider shore access for the common person.	
San Pedro	612	Kevin Swenson	Long Beach	All (although I support "A")		Please define "travel" through closed areas - we are getting mixed signals. Can we pass through closed areas with fish taken from open areas, rods "not" deployed. DEG guideline needed.	
San Pedro	613	Chris Hale	Torrance	Proposal A	South Coast	My concern is that I launch out of the Portuguese Bend SMCA and travel North thru the point Vincente SMR. Will I be able to transport my catch thru the proposed SMR?	
San Pedro	614	Chris Hale	Torrance	Lapis 2	South Coast	Open Abalone Cove to hook and line fishing	
San Pedro	615	Chris Hale	Torrance	Topaz	South Coast	Move the Southern Border of Palos Verdes SMR to the North	
San Pedro	616	Jim Salazar	Palos Verdes			Lapis 1 is a bad idea both economically & socially for the Redondo & Palos Verdes area - we cannot afford to lose any more money in this area at this economic time! Gas stations / Mom & Pop stores / Bait suppliers as a _____anger staff assist is the whit fall of Palos Verdes Peninsula	
San Pedro	617	Chris Hale	Torrance	Proposal B	South Coast	Leave as is. This proposal allows me to fish Portuguese Bend SMCA, Palos Verdes SMCA and La Jolla SMCA.	
San Pedro	618	James Smith	Lakewood	External A	Subregion Pt Dune to Newport Beach	I am in favor of and support External Proposal A for this region. As a kayak fisherman it leaves coastal access and fishing grounds that are still reachable by kayak paddle. It also keeps the SAFE launch sites that are important to all. As a Californian I support "INTELLIGENT" not "blanket" conservation I believe that that economic impact of this proposal to be minimal compared to the other proposals. Thank you all for your time and effort please choose wisely. Your decision does not stop at the waterline. Thanks Jim	
San Pedro	619	No Name	Same as #597				
San Pedro	620	Ron Tweedt	Hawthorne	Proposal A		Proposal A is acceptable, safe, within driving distance and child friendly	

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San Pedro	621	Greg Tsujichi	Gardena	all maps		Can catch & fishing equipment be transported through not take reserves?	
San Pedro	622						
San Pedro	623	Andrew Acevedo	Huntington Beach	all proposals	Palos Verdes	As a Kayak Angler I require access from Redondo Beach to North Palos Verdes, for safety reasons due to limited range due to human powered kayaks.	
San Pedro	624	Andrew Acevedo	Huntington Beach	all proposals	Doheny, Dana Point, So. Laguna	Please allow take of Halibut, White Seabass, Yellowtail by hook and line from this area.	
San Pedro	625	Jose Martin	Azusa, CA	External Proposal A	South Coast	As a fishermen who mostly Fishes recreationally in Los Angeles and San Diego County, I feel proposal A lets me continue to fish my fishing grounds safely. I have a safe entry and exits path so kayak fishermen, which is a major concern. However I do have concern with each SMR in each proposal, can you please be very specific and clear about transporting our catch through a SMR? It seems as each RSG member and DFG Officer had a different answer.	
Marina Del Rey	626	Chad Baron	Manhattan Beach			Lapis 1 - La Jolla 2 SMR - Too large of an area - should not be a "not take" - prefer SMCA * Lapis 2 - Del Mar - As a Del Mar resident my 1st 8 years of life - it saddens me that this will be a complete no take SMR. My childhood was spent catch and release beach fishing in the surf and spear fishing in the reefs for select species. I urge that the beach fishing be open for catch and release for fin fish, perch, corbina, croaker, halibut, etc. * Opal Draft - Del Mar - See above - Keep 1st 100 yards open * Topaz Draft - Del Mar - See above * External Proposal A - Del Mar - See above * External Proposal B - Del Mar - See above.	As a lifelong California, I have come to love and appreciate the Pacific. It is the main reason I still choose to live in Southern California. I firmly believe in public access to the coastal waters and islands. I urge fisheries management w/out total closures, limits, slot limits, catch and release, restricted commercial take are all methods that should be employed in greater numbers before we close prime spots for public use FOREVER. Please allow the science enough time before drastic decisions are made.
Marina Del Rey	627	Edward Ramirez	Manhattan Beach	As a kayaker, I am concerned about having fishable waters near launch points. Specifically Redondo Marina and Cabrillo and the Terreana public access area. While I would have preferred conservation tactics vs. elimination of fishing I guess that is to be discussed. The reasons a kayaker needs access to fishing near a launch point are numerous, but most important is safety reasons. Having kayakers travel long distances puts us at safety risk. Be it changing weather patterns, equipment failure or personal accidents. The bonus to having kayakers in an area is that we are stewards to the areas we fish. Be it the collection of non degradable plastic bags or us being observers of an area. I can understand if we need limited take area, but SMR-no take areas are not good plans.		Lapis 1 - Unacceptable to the South Bay, Palos Verdes kayaking community. Lapis 2 - Worse to the South Bay Fishing economy. Opal Draft - is unacceptable to the South Bay kayaking community. Topaz Draft - is marginally acceptable as it seems to allow fishing in Pt. Fermin. The South Bay kayak community needs a place to fish. External Proposal A - needs the removal of the SMR. External Proposal B seems to be the best option for the South Bay kayak community.	

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Marina Del Rey	628a	John Imlach (Formerly Heal the Bay)	Seal Beach	In general, what we do now on these maps is in inverse proportion to the ease that future generations will have, so I would advise to choose as you wish, but keep in mind that the future will have to put up with it. All of the objections that the fishing industry seems to have, comes down to money, lifestyle, mostly short-term. The relief seems to be that there are no valid environmental reasons or benefits to MLPAs, that it is all weird science. I guess we all believe or hear what we want. In speaking to fisherman, one thing which nobody can respond to: we have never seen this world before, which we have today. Even yesterday was a different place, and human population pushes us into new dynamics unknown and unseen before. Food and pollution pressure or ocean ecosystems promises to strip whole areas of coastal region, from being viable food sources. If we do nothing to allow the planet, and the ocean, to degenerate and clean up by natural process -		Lapis 1 vs. Lapis 2: Taking out Pt. Dume in favor of Laguna SMR is clearly a pure political maneuver (quality of habitat).	
Marina Del Rey		John Imlach (Formerly Heal the Bay)	Seal Beach	without our meddling, we risk passing the critical point of allowing ocean health to become sustainable. Yes, some lifestyles will be disrupted by MLPAs, and we do well to assist those cases to shift with the changes, so that all may proper on into the future. The fishing interests, very vocal, and well-represented, are nevertheless a mere fraction of the population that will be adversely affected by doing nothing now. Similarly, it is only this generation which will be adversely affected, and in a minority proportion. The tax dollars which may be lost, will be replaced by the new opportunities which will arise, by those displacements. One would think the sky is falling, merely by displacing fishing spots - but as fishing regions change so will boat launching sites to accommodate for it. Long term: a certain improvement over today's world reality, but will these tiny MLPAs be enough for tomorrow - world?			
Marina Del Rey	629	Ross Kestin	Culver City	Lapis 2 is the best option - I strongly urge that Lapis 2 be chosen as the closure plan. Revised external Proposal A would also be acceptable, as would Opal. Topaz would be a disaster for the Southern California fishing community. It would be devastating for the sportfishing landings at Redondo Beach and Marina Del Rey, which rely heavily on the Rock Point Area.			
Marina Del Rey	630	Ken Freeman	Burbank	Please consider External Proposal B or at least A. I've seen the ocean and it's life improve over the last 40 years. Fishery management is the key. We need fishermen to be education in the conservation process. They have be to be environmentalists in order to pursue their lifestyle. Prohibitive recreational fishing will not have any positive impact, at least not as much impact as encouraging fishery management. Besides - this is all probably unenforceable. What if a kayaker catches a fish outside of an area, but gets dragged into an area?			Complicated!
Marina Del Rey	631	Eugene Kim	Pasadena	All proposals	Palos Verdes	Where are the marine state parks? I'd like access to areas for low-impact fisherman like kayakers, spear fisherman, shore fisherman. We have different impact and needs vs. boaters and commercial.	

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Marina Del Rey	632	Eugene Kim	Pasadena	Lapis 1 - Round 2.	Palos Verdes SMR	I am a kayak fisherman and this concerns me for my safety. It's hard to tell from the maps but I'm pretty sure this restricts my access points and forces me to travel further out. As low-impact, we are being severely hurt by MPAs for boats and commercial.	
Marina Del Rey	633	Eugene Kim	Pasadena	In general, I'd support conservation efforts that recognized the specific needs and impacts of kayak, spear, and shore fisherman. Please don't let us be marginalized. We care for the environment. We only take what we feel is necessary. We clean up after ourselves. KEEP PV OPEN FOR US! We're a reasonable lot of guys, but it's really devastating to find out we may have our favorite spots taken away.			
Marina Del Rey	634	Lucy Atwood	Malibu	1. Lapis 1 & 2		These are good, but should provide larger protection areas for Malibu, specially the Big Rock area. 2. Opal/Tapz/Revised External Proposal B - These Proposals are not acceptable. They provide no protection for the Santa Monica Bay. Malibu, especially the Big Rock area. Should be a Marine Reserve.	
Marina Del Rey	635a	Lucy Atwood	Malibu	Big Rock in Malibu should be a Marine Reserve or part of any protected zone in the Malibu/Santa Monica Bay. Recreational Fisherman (who fish while standing on land) should be required to stay within certain zones and away from sea lions/seals. Many line fishers create a dangerous condition for kids/people walking on the beach and should be required to stay within the allowed zone. Boats/jet skis should be required to stay away from dolphins. Any commercial fishing boat should be prohibited from using fishing equipment that degrades the environment or catches fish that are not sought by that vessel (e.g., trawling). All boats should be required to stay a safe distance from shore to protect people (one mile).			
Marina Del Rey	635b	Lucy Atwood		There should be a cap on the amount of fish any boat/entity is permitted to catch to ensure a healthy population of fish is sustained. Many recreational fisherman around the Big Rock, Malibu area fish on rocks where seals/sea lions like to take naps. This should be prohibited.			
Marina Del Rey	636	Juan Trinidad	Los Angeles	As a kayak sport fisherman, I strongly support External Proposal A, although I find Lapis 2 also acceptable. Topaz, Opal and Lapis 1 severely discriminates against sport fishing interests. It would have the effect of forcing me to stop fishing in Southern California and pursue my sport elsewhere.		Kayak fisherman are against Lapis 1. We find Lapis 2 acceptable. Opal and Topaz are areas that are too valuable to sport fishing. There should be a better solution/compromise.	THE MLPA process needs to explain the science more to sport fishermen. This will help us make better decisions.
Marina Del Rey	637	Juan Trinidad	Los Angeles	Lapis 2	Malibu SMR	I see Lapis 2 as a favorable alternative to Lapis 1 and Opal. It leaves open areas which we fish frequently and does not force us to fish dangerous zones.	
Marina Del Rey	638	Juan Trinidad	Los Angeles	Round 2 - Lapis 1.	Point Dume SMR	severely discriminates against North LA County fishing and leaves very little alternatives for the sport. As a kayak fisherman, loss of accessible fishing spots such as Point Dume will force us to fish in more dangerous areas.	

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Marina Del Rey	639	Mike Carson	Burbank	Proposal A - I would like to see Pt. Dume and the BKR spared or at least the BKR it is the only year round protected from wind and weather. I am a kayaker and fish regularly at the BKR. Anywhere else is too big of surf and too windy so my suggestion is to take all the reef you want from Zuma to Decker Canyon and leave us Pt. Dume. Further more Lapis 2 is liveable and so is Opal.		Lapis 2 is liveable. No to Topaz. Opal is good too.	
Marina Del Rey	640	Mike Carson	Burbank	Proposal A	Pt. Dume - BKR	This Area is our La Jolla, it has deep water and shallow reef and is protected from wind and swell it is our jewel of the coast for fishing - take all you want from Leo Carillo to Zuma.	
Marina Del Rey	641a	Phil Harris	Simi Valley	I beg you to reconsider closing Point Dume area. 1. It is the safest accessible area to fish. 2. Since commercial gill netting was banned fishing has gone from poor to great in the Point Dume area. *I hope you will consider these alternative closure areas. 1. Trancas Point to Decker Canyon. This is a few miles NW of Point Dume known as "Lechvze Reef". It is a "Larger Habitat" than the Dume area but inaccessible to fishermen because of steep cliffs and large surf. Add Zuma Beach and you have a complete eco-system. 2. Deer Creek to Point Mugu Naval Base. This is a huge complete eco-system. Point Mugu Naval Base has the larges under water canyon in So. Ca. Much larger than Dume Canyon. Couple with the shoreline reefs all the way to Deer Creek. Add the large outer reef of Deer Creek and you have a diverse system.		Lapis 2 is great!! Opal is fair. Topaz is a nightmare.	
Marina Del Rey	641b	Phil Harris		*These are two huge habitats that will protect marine life without denying California fishermen the accessible area known as Point Dume/Paradise Cove. Thanks for reading, Phil.			
Marina Del Rey	642a	Scott Honaker	South Torrance	My name is Scott Honaker owner of the FV Critters. I have been fishing the Point Dume area for lobster for 30 years. I have been fishing the Southern California area for almost 50 years. I am one of the top producers for lobster and sheephead in Southern California. I own a house and live in the South Torrance area. I have been happily married for over 20 years, I have a son 18 and a daughter 15. I have made a good living commercial fishing in this area. Fishing is my only means of supporting my family. Maybe even more important, Fishing is my life. With the MLPA closures coming to Southern California, the area I fish lobster, crab and sheephead is Malibu Point to Point Magu. It looks like it is going to get hit extremely hard. There are 3 main producing areas, with a whole lot of sand areas in-between.		Round 2 Proposals: Lapis 1 Proposal: I would lose 50/% of my income because of the large closure at Point Dume. Lapis 2 Proposal: I would lost 15% of my income, because of the Big Sycamore closure. Opal 1 Proposal: I would lose 40% of my income because of the large Point Dume closure. Topaz Proposal: I would lose 50% of my income because of the Point Dume and Deer Creek closure. Revised External A Proposal: I would lose 15% of my income because of the Big Sycamore and Deer Creek closure. As you can see, some of these propels would put me out of business. Lapis 2 and Revised External A, are 2 proposals I would take a hit on, but I would still be able to make a living. Since this is my life and livelihood, I have the most to lose out of most of the stakeholders.	

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Marina Del Rey	642b	Scott Honaker		In the proposed closures that I have seen, there is only 2 I can still make a living with, they are Lapis 2 proposal and Revised external A proposal. All of the other proposals want to take 2 of the 3 producing areas. I find this grossly unfair, since I will lose everything I have worked for my entire life. I feel the Malibu/Pont Magu area is being targeted more by the Enviro because of political reasons, more than saving any reef habitat or lobster that live on them. I have fished lobster, crab and sheephead in this area since the late 70's. Just about all fisheries go in cycles. I just find it odd that the Enviro want to close these areas at the same time that I have seen the biggest increase of lobster, crab and sheephead in the last 30 years. The Malibu/Point Magu area is in the best condition that I have seen.		If I lose my livelihood, it drastically affects my wife, my kids, my deckhands, my 3 different buyers, his works and the restaurants he sells to. It will also affect the fishing supplies that I spend \$30,000 a year on. It will also affect the local fish markets, and marinas. Before it was trendy to be Enviro, we as fisherman are the true environmentalists. We care about the ocean, because we have to out of necessity. Thank you for time in reading this.	
Marina Del Rey	642c	Scott Honaker		There is more kelp than I have ever seen which means the reefs are healthy and thriving. The last 2 years I have caught the most lobsters per trap than ever before. I have seen the most short lobsters since the 70's. Crab fishing is incredible. I can catch a hundred crab per trap for a couple night soak, 2 or 3 times of what I used to catch in the 80's. This year I have seen the most sheep head since the early 90's, when we started fishing live fish. When I hear a 25 3- year old Enviro say it's all about "saving the reef habitat from over fishing", I say you have not been out on the ocean in a while. I spend 200 days on the ocean a year and believe me, the reefs are doing just fine.			
Marina Del Rey	643a	Jilber S. Jamgochyan "JJ"	Thousand Oaks			Should be in Section G -As a spear fisherman, kayak fisherman, free diver and boater, I feel that Proposals External A and Lapis 2 are most favorable and workable to my needs and activities since they do not close Pt. Dume and adjacent coastline. This is the area that I frequently visit with my kids for sportfishing/diving activities. I feel betrayed by this process. I participated in the Ecotrust survey early on and spent hours outlining the areas I fished and dove. Now, these areas are subject to closure! I feel that the process is out to close areas that are most accessible and SAFE. The targeted areas, such as those proposed under Topaz and Lapis 1 push all recreational anglers/sportsman to more dangerous and inaccessible waters.	
Marina Del Rey	643b	Jilber S. Jamgochyan "JJ"				I fish primarily for halibut, calico bass, sand bass, bonito, barracuda and perch, primarily near Pt. Dume. Topaz and Lapis 1 take all this away. Both Lapis 1 and Topaz would be acceptable IF the south/east boundaries for the Point Dume SMR is pushed north/west to Big Dume (Pt. Dume). I respectfully submit my comments and request that Pt. Dume boundaries be reconsidered. Please do not close the coastline south/east of Pt. Dume.	

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Marina Del Rey	644	Jilber S. Jamgochyan "JJ"	Thousand Oaks	Opal	Pointe Dume	As a kayak fisherman, spear fisherman, free diver and boater, I can live with this proposal IF the boundary does not extend further east/south than Little Dume. The coastline from Pt. Dume on south/east provides the greatest and safest access to fishing, diving and makes enjoyment of these activities possible to thousands of sportsman.	
Marina Del Rey	645	Jilber S. Jamgochyan "JJ"	Thousand Oaks	Lapis 2	Point Dume SMCA	I support Lapis 2 as a kayak fisherman, spear fisherman and scuba/free diver, because it does not close Point Dume and the adjacent coastline to fishing activities, down to Malibu Pier. This coastline is easily accessible and is, by far, the safest. Point Dume provides the most protection for this coastline because of its geographic location and makes access very SAFE and easy. The reef along this coastline is very healthy and is thriving!	
Marina Del Rey	646	Jilber S. Jamgochyan "JJ"	Thousand Oaks	Proposal A	Point Dume SMCA	As a spear fisherman, kayak fisherman and free diver, I support Proposal A as it leaves intact Point Dume and the surrounding coastline down to Malibu Pier. This coastline is not only the most accessible for me, but the safest by far. Point Dume provides the most protection for this coastline because of its geographic location and makes access easy and SAFE. and easy. The reef along this coastline is very healthy and, in fact, is thriving.	
Marina Del Rey	647	Jilber S. Jamgochyan "JJ"	Thousand Oaks	Topaz		This proposal is the most hostile proposal which is unworkable. It takes away the most accessible areas and, instead, leaves me and my kids, hostile waters within which to fish and dive. I would support this proposal IF the Pt. Dume SMR's south/east boundary is pushed west/north to Big Dume so that Little Dume/BKR is accessible. Paradise Cove, BKR, Escondido, Corral and Malibu Colony provide the greatest access and safety!	
Marina Del Rey	648	Charles Belnavis	Irwindale	First of all, I don't support the fact that all maps choose to close La Jolla to recreational fishing as there is already a reserve there. Overall, Proposal A is the most Fisherman Friendly, however Lapis 1 is the only Proposal that allows kayakers reasonable, realistic access to kayak fishing since we will not be able to paddle through MPAs with our fishing gear in tow. The Palos Verdes area has very limited access for kayak anglers so I ask for that area, at least, to be left open for kayak fishermen/private boaters and spear fisherman. The area between Cabrillo Beach and King Harbor should have limited reserve areas since there are limited access areas for kayakers as it is without the reserves.		Proposal A is something kayak fisherman can still enjoy our sport with, the only exception is the Palos Verdes area. I notice there are no SMPs offered for that area which would be beneficial for kayak fishermen. Lapis 1 offers more access for kayak fishermen than the other maps, the only problem for kayakers is having to paddle 3 miles out to travel around the reserve when traveling from King Harbor to Rocky Point. Safety for kayakers is a concern with all Proposals.	I think the process has the right idea as far as conservation is concerned, the main problem I find is that fishermen, especially kayak fishermen, have very little impact on the marine environment. I would like to see more concern with sewer run off.
Marina Del Rey	649	Charles Belnavis	Irwindale	Proposal A	Point Vicente/Portugese Bend	Proposal A allows the best access for kayak anglers with the exception of the Palos Verdes Area. The Palos Verdes Area needs to have consideration for kayak anglers and our limited access as it stands. (See #648)	

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Marina Del Rey	650	Josh Rider	Woodland Hills			I am a kayak fisherman and I have some concerns about the closure in the Point Dune Area. 1.) Safety is the #1 concern. If the Paradise cove and BKR are closed we will be forced to launch in dangerous areas. Safety is our #1 concern. I support the Panel 2 Lapis 2 draft proposal first. Second would be external A. IF THERE HAS TO BE A CLOSURE @ PT DUME the only acceptable proposal would be Opal. 2.) The economic impact from the Pt. Dume closure. I spend 4,000 per year fishing. I spend 70% of my fishing time @ Pt. Dume/Malibu area. This will mean 70% of the money that I would be spent in other areas or not at all. 3.) Why not make a closure from Trancas/Lachuze to Decker Canyon and leave Pt. Dume Alone. This area is inaccessible to kayak fishermen. Please consider this as an alternative.	
Marina Del Rey	651	Kiyo Sato	Gardena	Lapis 1 is not good for a kayak fisherman/woman or kids for fishing La Jolla. Proposal (A) is the most friendly map. Would like to see halibut and white sea bass included as takable fish from Laguna to Dana Point blue zones. This would make Proposal A much better. Point Dume in Malibu is an easy place to launch a kayak from and would like to see that area open. Redondo Beach, King Harbor, Hermosa and Torrance with Palos Verdes are very friendly for kayak fishing. The new resort in Palos Verdes by Point Vicente, I believe it is called Toner Resort, by Marine Land is very friendly to kayak fishing. Halibut should be allowed in all blue zones!		Proposal A allows the best access for kayak anglers with the exception of the Palos Verdes Area. The Palos Verdes Area needs to have consideration for kayak anglers and our limited access as it stands. (See #648)	
Marina Del Rey	652	Kiyo Sato	Gardena	See # 651 above		See #651 above.	
Marina Del Rey	653	Feliz Gutierrez	Gardena		Subregion 3-Point Dume to Newport Beach	Lapis 1 - There is not good access and allowable travel to North Palos Verdes area from Terranea Resort launch. This reserve area does not allow any recreational fishing in the North Palos Verdes area. This should be a conservation area that allows recreational fishing of halibut, white sea bass, and yellowtail at the least. Lapis 2 - Kayakers need a conservation area from 1/4 mile up to a mile from shore to allow us to travel north from Terranea Resort launch, one mile south of Pt. Vicente, kayak fishing for white seabass, yellow tail, halibut allowed take in the conservation area (blue). This is a good map proposal that needs slight modifications. Opal - Kayakers need a conservation area 1/4 mile up to a mile from shore to allow us to travel north from Terranea.	

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Marina Del Rey	654a	Larrisa Cui	Los Angeles	As a fisherwoman I respect the right to conserve marine life. However I do not see how restricting certain areas to keep sport fishing at a bare minimum. Looking at the various proposals I feel that the fair proposal would be Lapis 2, although I would love Revised External Proposal A. I understand that there has to be a give and take when it comes to conservation. Restricting the major fishing holes would only cause a major chain reaction. If fishermen and women are not allowed to fish, there would be no reason to continue in purchasing tackle or gear. This can also cause a slight dent in the economy in the area. At the same time the fight to conserve a certain species is also understandable. But those of us that follow the rules also understand the right to conserve and practice catch and release. Then you also have those who are ignorant of the laws who will catch and take whatever they want. Those are the ones that cause concern among activists and conservationists.		As hard as it is to comment on one particular MPA, each one will cause a concern for someone.	On the overall MLPA process, I understand and appreciate the fight to conserve. But no matter how much you try to restrict and prevent areas of fishing there will always be rebellion. It's human nature to do so. It's like doing what we're not supposed to do. But I'm sure that the whole process is for a good benefit.
Marina Del Rey	654b	Larrisa Cui		However you look at this there is always going to be a ___ situation and someone will not be happy. Speaking for myself, I would like to be able to fish more spots without having to worry if I'm fishing in a restricted area.			
Marina Del Rey	655	Jerry Lopopolo	Manhattan Beach	I'm an avid bodysurfer, swimmer, surfer. My concern is restriction of beach use. I'm in favor of External B. I'm against the Lapis 1 and 2 proposals. My main concern is future restrictions. One day to La Jolla Cove might be off limits to swimming due to the seal population. Also expanding the seals would mean more seal pool and dirty the water. See the child's pool as an example. The pool was built for recreation, but now the seals have exclusive access.			
Marina Del Rey	656	Randi Parent	Santa Monica	I've been a fisherman since I was a 6-year-old surf casting on the Outer Banks of North Carolina, and I'm alarmed at the rapid decline of fisheries in the last 20 years. It is imperative to establish marine reserves that will protect existing fish populations, allowing a resurgence for all - from the commercial fishing industry to the 6-year-old anglers of generations to come. To that end, I support the following proposals: Lapis #1, particularly the Palos Verdes Reserve; and Topaz-Palos Verdes & Pt. Dume Reserve. These proposals provide the most balanced approach to protect environmental and economic issues.			The initiative process is an important education tool and forum for all interests. I fully support the process.
Marina Del Rey	657	Jeff Hazeltine	Redondo Beach	You must allow the local "party" boats to get to the nearest productive fishing grounds. Dads/Moms need to get their kids out fishing at reasonable \$ and in reasonable time. If you do not preserve that near shore casting & kayak/skiff access, my grandkids will need to wait for me to take them to Mexico or Bahamas.		External A with the red/blue is my preference if I had to select one.	Limit the take don't eliminate it. Small preserves like at Catalina's Casino are enough - miles of coastline are ridiculous. Consensus can be drawn out over time with science/facts; not with PhDs and Rand sociologists.

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Marina Del Rey	658	Greg Barnicoat	San Gabriel	Why is there no discussion about creating new habitat (artificial reefs/kelp forests), using concrete, porcelain and other non-environmentally threatening materials can provide habitat and kelp footholds for new, otherwise barren, areas. This process could also improve public understanding of proper techniques for handling marine life. Don't just look at ways to close fishing grounds, but show or teach fishermen how to best release unwanted and/or endangered catch. Education is one of the main objectives and seems to be bypassed. Don't close the safe fishing locations when suitable other locations exist that meet the science guidelines. Example, area east of Point Dume is far safer than any area west of the Point.			
Marina Del Rey	659	King Daniel Smith	Inglewood	Why implement any closures if the U.S. is suppose to be free. You hurt every fisherman who owns a fishing pole by owning a fishing pole and should be casting and not asking.			
Marina Del Rey	660a	Chris Duval	Torrance	A) I am a 21+ year resident of the South Bay and I am an avid beach goer, kayaker and fisherman. B) I am opposed to SMR's along the Palos Verdes Peninsula (particularly Rocky Point and to a slightly lesser extent Pt. Vicente.) There are few access points to launch my kayak along this stretch and closing these areas would create a significant safety issue trying to paddle back to Rat Beach anytime after 11AM due to wind. C) This area provides tremendous recreational and commercial opportunities to scores of Californians including 1) private boat fisherman, 2) public party boat fisherman, 3) kayak fisherman, 4) spear fishermen and 5) surf fishermen. Aside from restricting access to a very ____ habitat that is readily accessible for many to pursue ____ favorite hobby, closing this area will have a significant ____ economic impact to the ____ Bay and in particular the RB sportfishing operation.			
Marina Del Rey	660b	Chris Duval		The 1/2 day boats will not have enough time or viable fishing _____. When they go out of business, the prime _____ for many people to get out on the ocean will be gone. 1/2 day fishing is the most viable way for thousands who are unable to afford their own boat, or not healthy enough to dive or kayak to enjoy the marine environment. That goes against _____ the MLPA should stand for. D) Further I am opposed to closing access to La Jolla. E) I am against Lapis 1 as it slows down both of my specific areas of interest. Thank you very much for your hard work. I understand _____ MLPA's are _____ and like _____. I just ask that they be done in a way that doesn't restrict access to thousands of Californians and create an unaffordable coast on the taxpayers of California.			
Marina Del Rey	661	Rick Luckey	Woodland Hills	I believe SMR's are a bad idea, they cause undue economic hardship on the area where imposed. SMCA's can more specifically target a problem, i.e., reduced fish stock of specific species, while still allowing a fisherman (and all the money associated with fishing) to put a line in the water. I would like to see SMCA's set bracket sizes on sheephead and lobster. An upper limit of 25" on sheephead and 5+1/2" on lobster would allow the large animals to continue breeding and still allow a fisherman to take a respectable size animal home to feed the family.			

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Marina Del Rey	662	Rick Luckey	Woodland Hills	External B	Catalina SMCA	See #661 above. I think the slot limits are a good idea. I think lobster should also have a slot limit as New York and other eastern states do. An upper limit of 5+1/2" will allow a lobster weighing 6 lbs to be taken which is still quite impressive and leaves the larger lobster to breed for the rest of their lives.	
Marina Del Rey	663	Rick Luckey	Woodland Hills	Topaz	Point Dume SMCA	Point Dume is the safest place along the coast to launch and fish in a kayak. It is the only protected area from the prevailing winds and swell. Please do not force kayak fishermen to fish the more exposed areas of the coast. Please move this closure nor or south of Point Dume.	
Marina Del Rey	664	Rick Luckey	Woodland Hills	Lapis 1	Point Dume	See #663.	
Marina Del Rey	665	Rick Luckey	Woodland Hills	Opal	Point Dume SMCA	Access to the BKR kelpbed for divers is down the cliff close to the point. Please move the eastern line of the SMCA to Point Dume This will make it easier for DFG to enforce the closure. It a diver has to walk thru the SMCA to access the BKR kelp bed it makes it too easy for DFG to say you took the fish from the closed area.	
Marina Del Rey	666	Steve Legerg	Costa Mesa	I'm a commercial lobster fisherman most of the proposals would put me out of a job. I've spent about 250K for the license and a boat plus traps and to lose them would be a hardship. Proposal A or B would keep me working.			
Marina Del Rey	667	Steve Legerg	Costa Mesa	Maybe invest money in reefs or fish hatcheries would make more sense. Also more funding for fish and game reps.			
Marina Del Rey	668	Steve Legerg	Costa Mesa	Proposal A		#A would keep me working. I'm a commercial lobster fisherman. Most of the others would put me out of business or looking for a job. Proposal #B would also work. Both allow lobster fishing.	
Marina Del Rey	669	Jerry L. Moore	Culver City	Proposal A	Marina Del Rey	1. Help stop bottom drill inside Marina Del Rey Harbor. 2. Someone is cutting birds in harbor. Stop them please. 3. Stop Santa Monica runoff it is polluting our water.	
Marina Del Rey	670	D. Neuman	Los Angeles			Keep Santa Monica Bay open to recreational fisherman. I have been fishing in ocean for 28 years. This would be a blow to my retired life here.	
Marina Del Rey	671	Douglas Roesch	Redondo Beach	Lapis 2	All	From review of other proposals this would be the best choice considering the fisherman and the environment. The proposed closings are exceptable and I believe will help in these listed areas. My only concerns would be the increase of possible restricted areas in the future. Keeping open Rocky Point for most of the area is a central issue for me and the rest of the fishing community.	

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Marina Del Rey	672	Sean Guthrie	Redondo Beach	Lapis 2 & Revised External Proposal A	Subregion 3	Lapis 2 - most acceptable. Revised External Proposal A also acceptable.	
Marina Del Rey	673	P. Tweedt	Huntington	Lapis 1	Subregion 3 Point Dume to Newport Beach	No travel allowed from Redondo to North Palos Verdes. No safe areas to launch and paddle north from the Terranea Resort. This area should allow recreational fishing.	
Marina Del Rey	674	P. Tweedt	Huntington	Topaz	Subregion 3 Point Dume to Newport Beach	Kayakers need safe passage from Terranea Resort launch to the north.	
Marina Del Rey	675	P. Tweedt	Huntington	External A	P	I like External A - allows access from the north with safe passage to Palos Verdes as kayakers.	
Marina Del Rey	676	James Respondek	Malibu	Lapis 1	Point Dume SMR	Let's do it!	
Marina Del Rey	677	Minh Luu	Granada Hills	External Proposal A	I	I think this proposal fit me better. I fish Palos Verdes, Santa Monica, MDR, Redondo Beach, Long Beach and wanted to try new place. I am a kayak fisherman.	
Marina Del Rey	678	Chris DeSantis	Simi Valley	External Proposal A	Carpinteria - Point Dume	I agree with External Proposal "A" . This will provide ample area for small craft sportsman to fish. I would suggest lowering the # of take per day - kelp bass - down to 5, halibut - down to 2.	
Marina Del Rey	679	Chris DeSantis	Simi Valley	Lapis 2	Carpinteria - Point Dume	I like Lapis 2 and could live with thises closures!	
Marina Del Rey	680	Chris DeSantis	Simi Valley	Opal	Carpinteria - Point Dume	Opal will take away a safe place for small craft to fish. The bluffs above the ocean provide protection from the wind and rough seas.	
Marina Del Rey	681	Chris DeSantis	Simi Valley	Lapis 1	Carpinteria - Point Dume	Point Dume is a safe launch for kayak fisherman. The cliffs provide us protection from the wind! I could agree with Lapis 1 if closure line was moved past the point at Point Dume (to the north).	
Marina Del Rey	682	Chris DeSantis	Simi Valley	Topaz	Carpinteria - Point Dume	The Topaz Proposal will take away a safe place for small craft to fish at the Point Dume. The bluffs adjacent to the ocean provide protection from the wind and rough seas.	
Marina Del Rey	683	Jeff Brinker	Marina Del Rey	Round 2 Proposal A	Study Region	I highly support this proposal. Also would like to keep Farnsworth Bank open.	
Marina Del Rey	684	Jason Runes	Redondo Beach	External A	Point Vicente SMR & Portuese Bend SMCA	I am in favor of this proposal with this SMR/SMCA combination for Palos Verdes, as it is the only proposal that addresses the issues presented by all sides, i.e., conservation, research and consumptive use.	

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Marina Del Rey	685	Bert Brinker	Los Angeles	Round 2 Proposal A		I support Proposal A.	
Marina Del Rey	686	John Gugliotta	Glendale	Opal	Subregion 3	The reserve in this area does not allow kayaker to travel through legally with fishing equipment, to get to Rocky Point. There should be a conservation area that allows kayak fishermen fishing access.	
Marina Del Rey	687	John Gugliotta	Glendale	Lapis 2	Subregion 3 Point Dume to Newport	Accessibility for kayakers are ok, to travel from Redondo to north side of Palos Verdes kayakers need a conservation area from 1/4 mile - up to a mile from shore to allow us to travel north from Terranea Resort. The Reserve Point going all the way to shore does not allow kayakers to legally travel across with fishing equipment. Fishing should be allowed in the conservative area.	
Marina Del Rey	688	John Gugliotta	Glendale	Lapis 1	Subregion 3 Point Dume to Newport	Accessibility is not allowable to travel from Redondo to north side of Palos Verdes. There are also no good areas to launch and travel to the north side of Palos Verdes from the Terranea launch. This map should be a conservation area that allows recreational fishing for pelagics, finfish such as white sea bass, yellowtail, halibut.	
Marina Del Rey	689	John Gugliotta	Glendale	Topaz	Subregion 3 Point Dume to Newport	Kayakers need a conservation area from 1/4 mile to 1 mile from shore to allow travel north - from Terranea Resort launch. The reserve should be moved down 1 mile toward Point Vicente.	
Marina Del Rey	690	John Gugliotta	Glendale	External A	Subregion 3 Point Dume to Newport	The reserve going all the way to the shore does not legally allow traveling through with fishing equipment, we (kayakers) need to be able to travel through the conservation areas going north to Rocky Point from the Terranea Resort.	
Marina Del Rey	691	John Gugliotta	Glendale	Lapis 1	Subregion 2 Rincon Pt. to Point Dume	Regarding Lapis 1 - Point Dume (SMR) I'm opposed to this (SMR) because Pt. Dume, Little Dume is the safest for kayak fisherman it block the winds, swells and surf.	
Marina Del Rey	692	John Gugliotta	Glendale	Lapis 2	Subregion 2 Rincon Pt. to Point Dume	This would be the ideal user friendly map for small craft boaters. It gives great accessibility for kayak launching points. Allows to fish. BKR, Pt. Dume and Little Dume.	

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Oxnard	693	Jeremy Bordofsky	Goleta	I am primarily a shore diver (breath hold not scuba) (please excuse my poor spelling; I have dsylexia) and I am concerned about the impact of these propsals on traditional forms of fishing and spear fishing. For 15,000 years people have been spear fishing and hook and line fishing in the Santa Barbara/Goleta area. Where you make it so that these forms of human powered fishing are banned you encourage people to use motor vessels (with their _____ + pollution) to get to area that allow fishing. The poor and enviroumentally sensitive divers and fishermen chose to (or by default) take their Mussels, Perch, Calico Bass, Crabs, Angel Sharks in a way that has a minimal carbon foot print. The high level of protection afford to spearfishermen should be extended to include non-palegic fish and invertabrates. Also Coal Oil Point from the end of Del Playa Stair Case to Devreaux Point should be kept open if possible. Thanks for all your work, these proposals look much better than the 1st arrays.			
Oxnard	694	Jeremy Bordofsky	Goleta	Duplicate of # 693 †			
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Oxnard	699	Danielle Picciano	Calalastas	Although I agree with some of the points that the MLPA proposals are trying to make, some of the things I do not agree with. One of them is to have more blue and less red. If we make the blue and red even and take the time to look at all the areas preferably I think we can all make it fair to both the fishermen and the ocean I think a good idea would be to close spots that are in need of help to heal and close them for a period of time or have ever long it need to heal and then reopen that spot but restrict the amount of fish that are taken and cut off the amount of perfectly healthy areas that are being restricted from the public. I also think that we are one of the top five lest objective things that go around in the water and help and an the other hand we don't pollute in anyway and actually help and clean up the sea or at lest we try to anyway. Thank you for taking the time to read my comment paper. PS I'm 10 years old so there might be some spelling errors			
Oxnard	700	Bob Kirk	Ventura	Lapis 1: The problem I see concerns the Point Dume area. As a kayaker this closes my only deep water Rock Fish zone which is only a hundred yard paddle from Westward Beach. It is a safe legal, launch with a lifeguard. As kayakers, we are limited to where we could launch safely and need access to areas like BKR, Point Dume and La Jolla. I will email more comments Thanks Bob Kird			

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Oxnard	701	Mary beth Kaminski - Power	Ventura	This shows that government does work for the people and I trust all of you after all this study to make an informed and enlighten decision. Thank you for serving in this very significant endeavor.			
Oxnard	702	Paul McTuggart	Ventura	Opal draft - Point Conception layout good convert more areas to blue. As a spearfisher I enjoy these areas. Make all final proposals, easily available online at high resolution for download.			
Oxnard	703	Paul McTuggart	Ventura	Duplicate of # 702 †			
Oxnard	704	Carmen Ramirez	Oxnard	Please include Oxnard Ormond Beach wetland in the protected zone - It is so precious & more industrial development is projected for this area.			
Oxnard	705	Garet Emmerson	Oxnard	As a kayak fisherman, Dume & La Jolla are the two most valuable locations to me, they both have safe convenient launch location & short paddles out to high quality fishing, Dume for deeper water Rock Fish and La Jolla for Yellow Fin. I may have some bids as I mainly fish from a kayak, but I believe commercial boats & sport boats catch nearly every fish that goes under their boat and bare larger portion of the over fishing blame. However they are capable of easily going 3 miles off shore and are less effected by the closures. Shore fishermen and kayakers are affected much more as we can not run to reefs offshore + are disproportionately affected. It would be nice to see none motorized fisherman included in the spear fisherman zone, or change the Dume + La Jolla closures to allow non motorized fishermen. Having been out 20 times this year I have kept + eaten 6 fish, even though I catch fish almost every time I go out. Over all I believe the DFG needs to manage fish population.		Lapis 1 - I dislike as it closes Dume and eliminates my only location to go after deepwater rode fish. Lapis 2 - I like, I think it meets both sides goals the best Opal - Would gain my approval if none motorized vehicles were added to the blue zone of Dume + a 3-5 Rock Fish limit was added. Topaz - Again I dislike as removes Dume from where I can go fishing at for deepwater Rock Fish External A & B - I like though I think they may be light on protection	Through regulations rather than closures specifically reduced commercial & recreational limits, shortened seasons and slot limits
Oxnard	706	Josh Rider	Woodland Hills	1) As a kayak fisherman, we are limited to a small area since our travel range is relatively small. The proposed closure@ Pt. Dume cloese of an already small area we have. 2) The MLPA process is supposed to be fair to all parties. How then is it fair to have recreational kayak anglers be lumped into the same group as commercial fisherman.			
Oxnard	707	Josh Rider				Lapis 1 - As a kayak angler, the proposed Pt. Dume SMR is a nightmare, However if you can move the boundary line West to a line directly South off of Little Dume Pt. the I will support Lapis 1	
Oxnard	708	Josh Rider				Opal - Pt. Dume SMCA would be acceptable as drawn as long as the boundary lines don't move east. Us kayak fishermen need the safety of the cove area.	
Oxnard	709	Mark Pierport	Woodland Hills	The most exceptable map is External Proposal B			

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Oxnard	710a	Jeff Krieger	Simi Valley	With respect to Lapis 1 Proposal we as kayak anglers would be able to live with this if the Southern boundary of the Dume SMR closures was drawn from Little Dume South. I totally support Lapis 2, but understand the desire for Pt. Dume, by others. I think that Mugu Cyn to Deer Creek needs to be looked at closer. We as kayak anglers are limited by our lunch locations and weather conditions. This area gives habitat and is not one of our primary go to zones due to launch locations and the typical weather conditions. Another limiting factor is distance form launch to fishing area. Launches through much of this area are already limited due to private residences, geography, proximity to roads. By taking away these proposed areas you affectively remove them from our already small list of areas to put in and fish.		Also please slow down and make sure that the science this is all based upon is current! I know I don't need to elaborate on the states financial woos, when the State can implement and enforce and sustain with scientific study these proposed closures and areas, then I would be much more likely to swallow this already bitter pill called an MLPA.	Over-all a needed evil, I hate to give up fishing areas that I have enjoyed my whole life. Let the State fund the entire process like we voted for. Not fair fighting against the opposition who is funding this entire process.
Oxnard	710b	Jeff Krieger		You need to consider these factors, with respect to kayak fishermen. We are limited by many factors already and fund to support the idea of closures, and we do not want to be lumped into a group with commercial fishermen. Not fair at all			
Oxnard	711a	Dennis Goff	Santa Clarita	* I have only been kayak ocean fishing for 3 years. Environmental concern has always been in the forefront of my thinking and way of like. I chose kayak fishing for several reasons; cost, convenience, environmental impact, exercise, and for the pure fun factor. * My personal preferences on the various proposals would be Lapis 2 and External Proposal B either would be perfectly acceptable. * External A minus the Deer Creek SMCA would also be acceptable, but then resembles Lapis 2.n the spirit of compromise and realizing that Pt. Dume seems to be untouchable according to the opposition, I could live with Topaz minus the Deer Creek SMCA. Deep hole is an area that I feel strongly about keeping in the realm of kayak fishing.		I'm not convinced that the process is entirely fair. I've seen circumstances where members working in good faith, tend to be ignored. I'm afraid that the outcome will have a certain bias.	
Oxnard	711b	Dennis Goff		* My main concern, above all others is the safety of my launch and landing areas. Generally South of Pt Dume is better and the more North the less safe. * Main point It's like to see changed or at least properly addressed, is the difference between kayak fishing, sport boat, and commercial fishing, kayak fishermen tend as a whole to be much more environmentally conscious. Most practice catch and release, taking only what they need for a meal. Large Calicos are almost always released. Our range is very limited, we're limited to fishing areas easily accessed on foot. Those areas are becoming more and more limited by construction and road closures. In short our environmental impact is extremely small compared to the other forms of fishing,			
Oxnard	712	Dennis Goff		Duplicate of #711 †			
Oxnard	713	Dennis Goff		Duplicate of #711 †			
Oxnard	714	Dennis Goff		Duplicate of #711 †			
Oxnard	715	Dennis Goff		Duplicate of #711 †			

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Oxnard	716a	John Narasaki	Camarillo	<p>I am a kayak fisherman with about 5 years experience. My 16 year old son and I have been kayak fishing together for 4 years. Through this activity, I have been able to teach him responsibility, conservation and respect for the sea. My father used fishing to teach me to be a good steward of the ocean and I hope there are ample fishing grounds for my son to teach his son.</p> <p>The fishing grounds that are important to us are: Leo Carillo, County line/Deep Hole and Westwards Beach, These beachse provide the safest access to the water. I wouldbe willing to sacrifice Westwards, but County Line and Leo Cariool must stay acessible.</p> <p>Lapis 2 looks like the best, but seems to good to be true. External also looks great, but Topaz looks realistic for both sides, however I would change the Pt Dume SMCA to yellow and possibly give up some area at BKR/Escandido. Pt Dume Westwards is great for kayak fisherman because there are bathrooms and easy access to the water.</p>			
Oxnard	716b	John Narasaki		I would be willing to give up Pt Mugu to Deer Creek. Please strongly consider the voice of the kayak fisherman. Of allthe fisherman, we are the smallest group uet have the lest effect on our limited fish populations. Thanks John			
Oxnard	717a	Jilber J. Jamgochyan "JJ"	Thousand Oaks	The MLPA by its very language, requires fairness to all interests, as a fisherman, kayak fisherman, scuba/free diver and private boater, Lapis 1 and Topaz proposals fail this criteria as it relates to the closures slated/proposed for Pt Dume. These proposals take the best area away from the recreational anglers. I find that both Lapis 1 and Topaz would be acceptable IF the Eastern boundary of the proposed Pt Dume SMR is moved West to Big Dume. This keeps intact BKR and the coastline due East readily accessible to private angler/divers..etc. This is one of few places that is protected, hence safe, and easily accessible. We already have a difficult time accessing the beach in Malibu. The proposed closures take away fishable areas that we are able to access with what few access points we have left. Generally speaking I completely disagree with the decision to combine the recreational interests with the commercial interests.			
Oxnard	717b	Jilber J. Jamgochyan "JJ"		<p>This is fundamentally unfair and inequitable. These groups are funded by different principles, regulations, motivation and guidelines. The recreational anglers interest are severally curtailed by including us (recreational anglers) with the commercials. The mandates of the MLPA are not satisfied by such grouping. I ask that greater concessions be made to accommodate recreational anglers in areas where the commercials are being kept out. The impact on any fishery by recreational anglers is fractional as compared to the commercials. As a recreational angler (boater, kayaker, diver) I strongly favor Lapis 2, Opa and External A & B. I realize that the interest of the non angling group (non consumptives) must also be preserved and considered. This is why Lapis 1 and Topaz would be acceptable if the PT Dume boundaries are modified.</p> <p>Thanks you for considering my comments.</p>			

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Oxnard	718	Steve Morris	Woodland Hills	Lapis 1 Point Dume preserves - Do Not Like It! - People (kayak fisherman) stand to loose one of the safest, most element protected sites to fish in productive waters in this part of the coastline - I would much rather see a preserve up to the North (potentially beginning North off the North end of Zuma - up toward County Line, or better yet - take some water up towards Carpentaria to fill a quota. Lots of ideal kelp/hard bottom in either of those zones to fill scientific needs. As I commended on for the Devefauz preserve - leave good public access type spots, available to the public set closed area in zones w/much more limited access. Preferred Proposal External B			
Oxnard	719	Steve Morris	Woodland Hills	As a general bid of support I want to support External B - for its forward thinking. Ideas like limited take, (reduced take by current DFG standards) slot limits, and perhaps seasonal closures for protection the spawn, should be part of these discussions. I recognized that the general view of External B is that of a fringe map - ie - one of the first to be cut. My hope is that some of the forward thinking behind this proposal, leak over onto other maps surviving past round 2 (see the proposed use around Santa Cruz Island.) I am also tired of watching the process steam roll forward with no real answer onto how will this be enforced when we reach the end. This should be a point being given much more attention now.			
Oxnard	720	Steve Morris	Woodland Hills	Topaz draft MPA Proposal - Goleta/Devereux Preserve- This seems to be the one map that does not use the headland at Campus Point as a boundary - The proposal Mid Bay boundary line closes off safe - easily reached public access - The public needs accessible areas to fish Goleta Beach is unique in that parking is free - There is tons of it - The surf is calm 300 days a year. There are lifeguards during the summer and you may park 24 hours a day on the South end of the beach - Do Not Close the ideal area! Move the boundary to the top of Campus Point! I have fished this area for 30 some years - It is a healthy, productive stretch of water. Preferred External B			
Oxnard	721	Steve Morris	Woodland Hills	As an outside thought perhaps, as this process moves forward some special consideration might be given, as it pertains to use, to the most ecologically friendly user groups - kayak fishing, shore angling, even catch and release should be considered - as it is the ultimate low impact, use. Allow these forms of fishing in certain "closed areas" - It would seem to make sense, in a compromise - sort of way . In summary specialized use should be worked into final maps.			

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Oxnard	722	Deborah Bechtel	Camarillo			Water Quality in all MLPA zones! If water quality is not improved concurrently w/protected areas, marine life is not being protected! Endocrine disrupting pesticides, hormones from sewage, industrial effluent, etc. combining in a toxic soup does not give marine life a good change for survival, much less an abundant return to necessary levels. This process needs more crossover + co-operation from complimentary state agencies.	
Oxnard	723	Scott Winner	Malibu	Lapis 2	Subregion 2	I looked at all proposals my main concern is the inclusion of Pt Dume to complete reserve red zone, would prefer A blue zone designation. Allowing kayak fishing and spear fishing, surf fishing, no commercial party boats No Pt. Dume	
Oxnard	724	Mike Gratland	Newbury Park			As a resident of the State of California, therefore owner of Ca. waters and an avid fisherman and father of 5 up and coming fishermen, I have the least problems with external proposal A. It's important to me to have easy access points for launching my kayak	
Oxnard	725	Peter Otto	Camarillo	Lapis 1	Malibu	I am a kayak fisherman, I fish Malibu. I fish BRR & Deep Hole Lapis 1: Point Dume SMR - No good. South of Point Dume is taking too much from my recreation Lapis 2 - Looks good (Ricon to Pint Dume) Opal - Looks good. Don't go more South (Ricon to Point Dume) External B - Looks good (Ricon to Point Dume) External A - No. I fish Deep Hole all the time Topaz - No good - Completely remove it. I want BRR & Deep Hole	
Oxnard	726	Eric Skoov	Ventura	Revised External B	Point Conception	Best of the proposals. The other proposals would be better if they limited commercial fishing. Allow fishing for recreation purposes off of Hollister Ranch.	
Oxnard	727	Chris Williamson	Oxnard		Rincon to Pt Dume	What is relationship of Ormond Wetlands, if any, to this program? Over 900 acres are in planning for restoration by Coastal Conservancy Can you show Ormond Beach Wetlands on your maps or a reference.	
Oxnard	728	Andy Levin	Simi Valley	Opal		Carpinteria - Point Dume Closing part of Point Dume will take away a safe place for small craft to fish. The bluffs provide shelter from the wind and rough seas.	
Oxnard	729	Andy Levin	Simi Valley	Lapis 1	Carpinteria - Point Dume	Duplicate of # 728	

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Oxnard	730	Andy Levin	Simi Valley	Lapis 2	Carpinteria - Point Dume	Duplicate of # 728	
Oxnard	731	Andy Levin	Simi Valley	Topaz	Carpinteria - Point Dume	Duplicate of # 728	
Oxnard	732	Andy Levin	Simi Valley	External Proposal A	Carpinteria - Point Dume	Duplicate of # 728	
Oxnard	733	David Todd	Simi Valley	Complete Proposal	Complete Map	I agree with this map due to it allows all accesses by public to sport fishing, sport diving, kayaking, surf fisherman and snorkeling	
Oxnard	734	0	Simi Valley		Carpinteria - Point Dume	DUP of # 733	
Oxnard	735	David Todd	Simi Valley		Zuma/Pt Dume areas	This area is mostly private access, it shuts down the areas access by surf fishermen, kayaks, sport divers we use with public parking & access	
Oxnard	736	David Todd	Simi Valley	Opal	Carpinteria - Point Dume	Duplicate of #733	
Oxnard	737	David Todd	Simi Valley	Lapis 2	Carpinteria - Point Dume	Duplicate of #733	
Oxnard	738	David Todd	Simi Valley	Lapis 1	Carpinteria - Point Dume	Duplicate of #733	
Oxnard	739	Greg Hamm	Ventura	Revised External Proposal B	Subregion 1	I am in favor of this proposal because it does not establish a SMR at Coal Oil Point (Goleta) I would be in favor of a SMCA at Coal Oil Point. I am a recreational fisherman. Spear fisherman keep Naples, Mohawk, & Carpinteria Reef open	
Oxnard	740	Greg Hamm	Ventura	Topaz	Subregion 7	In favor! Keep Catalina open Farnsworth or as SMCA Recreational Fisherman & spear fisherman	
Oxnard	741	Greg Hamm	Ventura	Revised External Proposal B	Subregion 5	I am against any no-take (SMR) off La Jolla. SMCA is ok possibly ok w/SMP Recreational Fisherman & spear fisherman	
Oxnard	742	Greg Hamm	Ventura	Topaz	Subregion 4	I favor because Dana Point as a SMCA is fine. Recreational Fisherman & spear fisherman	
Oxnard	743	Greg Hamm	Ventura	Revised External Proposal B	Subregion 3	In favor of this over Topaz because I'm against a no-take (SMR) zone off Pales Verdes. Possibly a SMP?	

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Oxnard	744	Greg Hamm	Ventura	Topaz	Subregion 2	In favor of this proposal but would prefer all area around Point Dume to be SMCA (no SMR) Recreational Fisherman & spear fisherman	
Santa Barbara	745	Clayton Heiser	Newport Beach	More emphasis needs to be protected on Newport Harbor for commercial fishing and to allow hook and line. Newport's harbor has a long fishing heritage, Angler's Club, and is a prestige of having a boat in the harbor/surrounding ocean. In the current protected estuary area hook and line fishing should be removed since fish is not that great for eating and will help foster more growth for spillover.			
Santa Barbara	746	Carl Gwinn	Goleta	Topaz is best but does not go far enough. We need more hard-bottom habitat where kelp can get started and persist. We need more reserves along the coast where pressure from fishing is so high. To me the other proposals: Lapis 1, Lapis 2, Opal, Revised External A, Revised External B: All seem alike. None has any protection for Refugio and thus represent a step backward from the present.		The region around Refugio Beach is absolutely unique and needs further protection. By this region, I mean the coast from the southeast end of Refugio State Park along the coast northwest past Twin Palms and Tajiguas to the "town" of Arroyo Quemado. This region is unique along the coast. I have dived along the coast from Carp Reef thru Hollister Ranch to Cojo Anchorage. Nowhere along that stretch does any area match Refugio's diversity of marine life and habitats. In over 200 dives at Refugio (out of 500 along the coast and 1,200 dives) I've seen mating octopi, underwater cormorants, and hundreds of different species. Refugio is a popular vacation spot and has very heavy pressure from recreational fishing. This unique spot merits a State Marine Reserve. Because recreational fishing is a big part of the camping experience, recreational line fishing from shore should be allowed. But spear-fishing, fishing from kayaks, and all commercial fishing should be prohibited.	The overall process - as I understand it - is about protection of the ocean environment. Somehow it seems to have become diverted to a discussion of fishing and fish. Fish are a part of the ocean environment, but a small part. We need reserves that will protect and enhance regions of rich and diverse marine life - like Refugio and Tajiguas.
Santa Barbara	747	Shen Meinhold	Santa Barbara	The Topaz proposal concerns me because of the inclusion of the closure at Coal Oil Pt. This area is especially important for lower income surf fishermen and students, especially those without boats or even cars. Coal Oil Point is often the only place that these people (myself included) can get seafood. A closure here would be horrible for the community there.			
Santa Barbara	748	Blake Schaff	Goleta	The obvious complexity of the process cannot and will not leave everyone involved satisfied. As a consumptive spearfisherman, I find personally troubling the Devereux area be closed, as it provides access to other spearfisherman that would have no other areas to enjoy. However, I cannot argue against the associated problems access entails and the habitat the area provides. For me personally there are other areas that I would rather have the opportunity to dive. After carefully studying the proposals and following the process, I feel External Proposal A is the best compromise for all parties involved, including fishermen, commercial interests, and conservationists (which I feel freedivers are included) and consumptive divers.			

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Santa Barbara	749a	Brandon Mitchell	Santa Barbara	Many of these areas you would like to close are areas with coastal access. I would like to maintain fishing areas where I do not have to trespass or risk life to access. You also tend to favor areas that are high in sea life. I, as a spearfisherman, feel that I make almost immeasurable impact on the reef. No by catch and many days not even enough visibility to be productive. I would also love to share fishing with my 10 year old daughter who loves to fish. I feel that is becoming harder every year. I am also concerned about the cost to local business and taxes to pay for this whole process and enforcement. I am frequently in the water around Santa Barbara. I have been for years. I do not notice a decline in life. If anything I have noticed an increase in overall life. Finally I find it a joy to go fishing and a great escape after a long hard week.		I will say I am concerned about Devereux, a fairly easy access point for many divers i.e. close to town. Proposal B & A is my best choice if I had to choose. Of course I do not wish to see any more closures. Naples is another specific spot I think should not be closed. I don't feel any area should be closed to spearfishing. We are mostly very selective and zero impact.	Fear people seem to be in this process and few even know it is happening.
Santa Barbara	749b	Brandon Mitchell		I am not out to destroy or rape the environment and take great care in my attempts just to enjoy my experience. I do not find any great urgency to just close many of these areas.			
Santa Barbara	750	Doug Chessman	Santa Barbara	I support Proposal A. I believe that the same type of protection is necessary, but fishing needs to be allowed, both sport and commercial. Sometimes too much regulation breeds more problems than it solves.			
Santa Barbara	751	Waiman Meinhold	Santa Barbara	I support any proposal that leaves the small area at the tip of Coal Oil Pt. open for dives. This proposal would be devastating for UCSB divers.			
Santa Barbara	752	Peter Lapidus	Carpenteria	Lapis#1 I believe that there should be no closure between Coal Oil Point and the LA County line. I would not be opposed to restrictions on method of take or implementation of catch and release for certain species of concern. This area represents an easily accessible year round Fishery that is utilized by young and old and all demographics. It would be a great loss to the community if it were closed to fishing. More emphasis needs to be put on creation of habitat and pollution control on land. Creating habitat and inshore breeding grounds in our estuaries will help raise fish populations. Do not forget that fishermen are interested in perpetuating sustainable fisheries and are interested in conservation.		External Proposal B is the #1 choice. External Proposal A is the #2 choice however we do not agree with proposing to close Pt. Conception. Topaz proposal is not acceptable. Why would you close an area to hook and line fishing but leave it open for spear fishing? Hook and line can release, spear cannot release. Lapis #1 is not acceptable. Why not have catch and release for species of concern. Lapis #2 not acceptable for same reasons.	I believe the process has been more complicated than it needed to be and very hard to understand. When we are shown a map with red access that are supposed to be proposed MPAs and then told the red areas at the Channel Islands already exist but are red it is hard to interpret the scheme.
Santa Barbara	753	Bryan Davis	Goleta	I strongly support Revised External Proposal B. However, I would like it moved east so that the "Black Rock" area is not included in the closure area. I also strongly oppose the "topaz" proposal. In addition I feel that reduced limits and slot limits should always be used to manage the areas instead of outright closures. It is possible to bring about a sustainable fishing without closing areas completely. If areas are closed, catch and release fishing should ALWAYS be allowed. Please keep the "Black Rock" area open. I have fished that area since I was a kid with my grandfather and father and I want to be able to fish it with my 8 year old daughter and her children. You can't take away my family heritage. I also ask that the "Goleta Bay" area not be included in any closure area, as well as the Haskett Beach/ Napols Reef area.			

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Santa Barbara	754a	Deane Plaister	Santa Barbara	Wow - that's a lot of maps. What strikes me is that the MPAs are all quite small. If the purpose of these areas is to make a safe haven for the reproduction of fish and other marine animals, it would seem the larger they can be, the better. I understand that provisions must be made for the livelihoods of fishers and recreational fishers, but if the areas are too small, no benefit to anyone will accrue. As well as size, the interconnectivity that gives migrating and drifting sealife a chance to move about and be safe is less effective if MPAs are too far apart. There are long stretches east of Pt. Conception that do not have adequate protection. Naples Reef and Carpenteria area need to be included and with enough size to make a difference.			I am very impressed with the extensive effort you folds are making to involve the public in this process. No one can say they were shut out. Some may be making more noise than others, but let science be your guide in determining the location and size of the MPAs. the future of our ocean life depends on it. Thank you.
Santa Barbara	754b	Deane Plaister		there has been a huge amount of scientific analysis of what is necessary for a productive and successful program, but the interests of the extractive proponents has had greater sway. Please listen to the science and create a system that will benefit even the fishers in the long run.			
Santa Barbara	755	Nathan alley	Santa Barbara	I am standing where I can see all of the 6 proposals side by side. From this distance it is functionally impossible to pick out differences among the "competing" proposals (and with my contact lenses I have 20/15 vision!). I am confused by the lack of diversity among these options. I work both in Carpenteria and on the Gaviota Coast, and I am astonished to find that both the Carpenteria and Naples Reef areas are exposed/threatened. For the "MLPA" to live up to its name (it's statutory title), there must be a far greater push for the protection of marine life. I understand that an External Proposal C map has been taken off the table. I strongly urge the stakeholder group to reconsider a wider range of adequate alternatives. In fact, this consideration is mandated. In fact, this consideration is mandated by federal law (I will not go into NEPA - you all probably know it backwards and forwards) Thank you for your attention and for your important work.			
Santa Barbara	756	Shen Meinhold	Santa Barbara	Duplicate of SB-747 †			
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Santa Barbara	758	Shen Meinhold	Santa Barbara	Duplicate of SB-747 †			
Santa Barbara	759	Waiman Meinhold	Santa Barbara	Duplicate of SB-751 †			
Santa Barbara	760	Waiman Meinhold	Santa Barbara	Duplicate of SB-751 †			
Santa Barbara	761	Waiman Meinhold	Santa Barbara	Duplicate of SB-751 †			
Santa Barbara	762	Dustin Hopkins	Santa Barbara	I love fishing on the beach! Even if you shut it down I would stop!			
Santa Barbara	763	Chloe Hopkins	Santa Barbara	I love fishing with my family at the beach. Please don't stop!			

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Santa Barbara	764	James Adams	Santa Barbara	Spearfishermen/Lobster Diver (recreational): Lapis 1 & 2 works for me. Close I.V. it needs it . Close all commerical take or get a proposal to close commercial. Opal looks good too. Topaz - I love the idea of freediving only - I would love to see the 10 year data after that. External B - Please keep this area open. It gets very little pressure right now and has good populations of fish and invertebrates. Close the areas with the most access. They are hit the hardest and would profit most from the protection. I would like to see some proposals to lift some old MPAs too.			
Santa Barbara	765	Eyton Nahmias	Santa Barbara	I am a local from Santa Barbara and would hate to see most of these regions closed. I have been diving for quite a few years now and enjoy this sport very much. I am a college student at UCSB and Devero is one of my favorite spots. If you were to closed the region if this spot were to close I would have no other place to dive. this is a very accessible and easy to get to and I am able to consume dinners for my friends by diving at my local spot. I highly suggest that you take the Goleta Slough down to Hendry's beach instead of making Devero a marine preserve.			The MLPA process is going by way too fast and needs to slow down immediately.
Santa Barbara	766	Gary Sanchez	Carpenteria	I am (pres) of Carpenteria sport fishing club and our member of (60) on the closer in front of Carpenteria and Santa Barbara. A lot of our member fish local. And our concerned about surf fishing, pier fishing and we also charter the Stardust on a monthly basis. One of our main members who keep us in form with everything is (Whitney Uyeda) so we also like to know how long you plan on keep these areas closed or request how many fish and type you can keep. So the area is Carpenteria and Santa Barbara Coast.		Goleta Slough SMR ok as long as the pier stays open	
Santa Barbara	767	Jeremy Bodofsky	Goleta	Topaz comments - This proposal is pretty good but there are a couple of comments. I would like to see the Refugio and Naples area allow for shore fishermen and freedivers/spearfishermen be allowed to take reef fish and invertebrates such as sheephead crabs, perch, rockfish, calico bass, angel sharks and other reef fish. When people cannot fish areas that are accessible for inshore fishes get in motor boats and pursue fish off shore. Please protect the right that people have to exercise their traditional forms of fishing. For 15,000 years spearfishing and hook and line from human powered (not motor) craft and from shore. Lower limits, an enhancement stamp, higher level of protection for spearfishermen, any of these would help me and my family. I also hope the Helo SMR will not impact pier and shore fishermen.			
Santa Barbara	768a	Jeremy Bodofsky	Goleta	External Proposal B - After thinking about and studying the maps after last night in Oxnard, I have some other comments to make. The Goleta SMR would have a negative impact on my life and my time spent there as a diver who hunts for fish and invertebrates. This area provides fish and shellfish for my family. I use human power (as opposed to a motor boat) and practice breath hold diving when I fish this area. Please don't close this area to shore fishing and spearfishing. Closing from past the pier/slough to the stairs at the end of Del Playa in Isla Vista would be a better option. Or perhaps you could allow people using human powered diving and boats (kayaks, float tube, etc) to take reef fish and invertebrates.			

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Santa Barbara	768b	Jeremy Bodofsky		Spearfishing I have no by catch, I never take shorts, and I have the joy of bringing home perch, rockfish, halibut, angel sharks and other reef fishes to my family. My kids eat really fresh, low carbon footprint food. For 15,000 years this area people have been spearing and hook and line fishing in this region.			
Santa Barbara	769	David Handecker	Santa Barbara	Need more protection of Naples Reef/ entire Gaviota Coast area. Topaz is good start but needs more larger protection. Needs larger protection in Carp. Bring back external C factors or lose conservationists. More yellow (park) area near shore to limit commercial but allow recreational fishing (limited). Proposals don't have enough range of differences and conservation options. Need a few large reserve areas - distance from shore. Tie boundaries of cons. areas to State Parks.			
Santa Barbara	770	Matt Enyeart	Goleta	I endorse external proposal B as well as A as they meet the requirements and goals of the MLPH process but put fewer businesses at risk and still allow for recreational fishing, a huge part of many Southern Californians lives. Also, other proposals which limit public access are detrimental to the public which substantially enjoy these resources.		The MLPA around Coal Oil Pt. should be reconsidered as it is an important area to many anglers/watermen/conservationists. This safe area allows locals and university students a close area in which they can ride their bike, enjoy the ocean and spend a few hours taking a fish by spear or by hand. If the activities of Coal Oil Pt. aren't sustainable and positive then I'm not sure what is. Closing the area would make it impossible for many to enjoy their hobby and destroy a generation of fishermen/conservationists who will discover the joys of consumptive fishing. Others who have the means may drive or boat a distance to another area, but this cannot replicate the sustainability or bond in which fishermen have with Coal Oil Pt.	I only learned of the MLPA process recently. I feel like the public hasn't sufficiently been made aware of it and that those who attend the meetings are a tiny portion of those concerned. Also I wonder how much the MLPA will cost in America's worst economic time in decades. How many jobs will be lost and how many people's passions will be hindered?
Santa Barbara	771a	LeeAnne French	Goleta	I am disappointed because I understood that this would be a negotiated process with cooperation between fishing, recreation and science/conservation. What I see on the walls today is a one-sided representation of fishing concerns. Many of the maps look identical with very little difference in the specific regulations. As a masters student in environmental science, I don't boast expertise in this area - just grave concern. From what I understand about fish, fish movement and their habitats - it doesn't seem like the designated habitats are big enough. how do you expect to help the fisheries to be sustainable if the designated habitats are too small to provide protection. have any of the 6 proposals been considered "viable" by science? there are several areas in the Santa Barbara area that I am disappointed that they are not being protected including Naples and Carpenteria reefs. why is there no protection offered in these two important regions?			
Santa Barbara	771b	LeeAnne French		I really don't understand how the fishing interests think that these plans are going to help protect their livelihoods in the long-term. they may be protecting their favorite fishing holes today but there may be no fish left in those holes long term.			
Santa Barbara	772	Waiman Meinhold	Santa Barbara	Duplicate of SB-751 †			

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Santa Barbara	773	Billy Eggers	Santa Barbara	After reviewing all the suggested MPA maps that have been proposed, the most adaptable map I have seen is Proposal A. This seems to me, after talking to many sport as well as commercial fishermen and divers such as myself, to be the best designed for all. I have been a commercial diver for over 20 years harvesting urchins and cucumbers. In these past years I have not seen a decline or over abundance of the fish and invertebrates I have seen on a day in day out business I have worked over the years. Having that hands on as well as eye on these surroundings over the years has given me the knowledge of what is really going on under water. I can understand the concern with our ocean habitat here along the coast of California. I hope the right decisions are made to make sustainable fisheries for commercial fishermen as well as the fun that myself and children will enjoy.			I am fully for Proposal A it best compliments the commercial as well as sport.
Santa Barbara	774	Mike Lansford	Goleta	The Topaz proposal is the best proposal I saw for promoting serious efforts toward sustainability. It is the only proposal that offers protection to the very important Naples reef. I spoke with representatives of commercial and sport fishing interests and consider myself an ardent sport fisherman, but I cannot escape the conclusion that past management and fishing programs and practices are the reason we find ourselves where we are today. If we are to achieve sustainable fisheries we must invest in measures which science reveals will lead to sustainability. It was pointed out to me by a commercial diver that closing areas for recovery of fish may displace divers from places where invertebrates are not threatened and could otherwise sustain ongoing harvesting. It is difficult to believe, but should be considered as to whether or not other areas outside MPAs can still support these fishermen.			It seems to be a very interactive process that gives voice to all sides of the issues. In the final analysis, someone or somebody must make decisions that protect the future of these public trust resources.
Santa Barbara	774	Mike Lansford	Goleta	the bottom line for me is we must do what is necessary to achieve sustainability and restore health to the marine ecosystems we rely on. If that displaces some fishers, then so be it. They should be helped to find another fishery to work in.			
Santa Barbara	775	Nick Wagner	Santa Barbara	I agree mostly with the Topaz map, but I have major issues with Naples, Helo, and Palos Verdes. I own a small boat, and have access to kayaks. Making the channel crossing is almost out of my range and with a small boat the crossing is quite dangerous, so Naples is a safe choice and the fishery is thriving. Devro should stay open (Helo) because it is such an accessible point, the fishery is good and the area is diveable. Take Goleta Slough to be a better point instead. Palos Verdes needs to stay open, there is no way to manage that area effectively and so many good points of access. The fishery is not in danger there and life is thriving. That would be devastating, the lost access to all the area.			I think the process is happening all too fast, there needs to be legitimate long term research backing each of these closures. I feel like this whole process is moving much too fast and the enforcement required for all of this has not been well planned/thought out.
Santa Barbara	776	Kean Kam	Lompoc	External proposal B - I support this draft as it closes the least amount of shore line in the areas that I hunt the most. I dive between Santa Barbara and Pt. Conception at least once a week and have been doing so for the last 10 years. I learned to dive in these waters as a kid and hope they stay open so I can teach my children to dive there as well. I know the reefs in this area are very healthy and do not need further protection. They are full of life and are easy access for people with families.			

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Santa Barbara	777	Brian Tractwein	Goleta	Inadequate range of alternatives violates CEQA. Add alternatives with greater conservation value. Add External C back into mix plus other science - based conservation oriented options. Don't meet scientific standars. The maps look the same. I can barely see any differences. The MLPA are too small on all the maps. The Island Reserves are bigger but these were a compromise. What gives? Lack of balance in stakeholder group leads to unbalanced alternatives. Too far apart. Connect to Channel Islands better. Include higher percently thru Channel Islands Reserve (more than 25%) Add Naples Reef, Coal Oil Pt., Goleta Beach - More Mesa (&Goleta Slough), Carpenteria State Beach/reef, Refugio & El Capitan beaches, all of Gaviota Coast, from Rincon to Ventura, Santa maria River mouth - steelhead, Santa Ynez River mouth - steelhead. Catch and Release from shore is less harmful. Maximize protected areas to maximize and size of fish.			confusing. Not balanced/weighted in favor of commercial fishermen. Undemocratic. Lack of explanations. Staff of MLPA team mislead me to make me think conservation options were not removed and said stakeholder group is balances. This is FALSE.
Santa Barbara	778	Kristian Beadle	Santa Barbara	I am a surfer, sailor, and recreational fisherman. I was disappointed that the external map prposed by Channel keeper was not available for comparison as the maps present were no representative of the marine science necessary for conservation of our marine species. Specifically, I feel these needs to be more comprehensive areas, including Naples, Carpenteria Reef and Point. Dume. If the MLPA is serious about fultilling its mandate we need more extensive conservation areas - these maps don't cut it! Finally, a question: Why not reserves that "sunset" after 10 years and alternate with other areas to distribute the impacts across users?			
Santa Barbara	779	Iaon Pohlit	Santa Barbara	My comments will apply to all proposals. If any of these proposals are agreed about and go forward with the notion of protecting the environment I would like to see complete restriction - no surfing, boating (anchoring) etc. that 0 impact approach is the only reasonable approach. This process of bait and switch lacks integrity.			
Santa Barbara	780a	Jeff Kruthers	Goleta	I have lived and recreated in the Goleta/Gaviota area since 1963. I'm unclear as to me the choice for MPAs along that stretch. From over 45 years of coastal experience, it's been obvious that the most vibrant sea life zone lies between Coal Oil Pt. and Arroyo Quemada. the current wind and swell size make this area the most logical area for a MPA. It is also within the distance parameters (from Pt. Arguello) as specified in the Act. Furthermore, monitoring of this zone would be easy and least costly. On the other hand the proposed Pt. Conception site is weak on all apsects of criteria for the establishment of a MPA. it is only 11 miles from the Pt. Arguello MPA, the currents tend to go west along the Southern Shore into the major north/south current dragging any generated sea life out to sea and then to Mexico.			

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Santa Barbara	780b	Jeff Kruthers		There is very little Rocky Bottom habitat. The surf gets huge a periodically rips out the entire kelp forest. The area is inaccessible by land and dangerous when accessed by sea. The surf and galey force winds come up with no warning and monitoring would be significantly difficult and expensive. Science appears to have taken a back seat to groups with other agendas. Should the currently proposed MPA at Pt. Conception be chosen over a MPA in the Coal Oil Pt./Arroyo Quendada then it will be obvious that species protection is somewhere way down the list of importance.			
Santa Barbara	781	Jordan Clark	Santa Barbara	External Proposal B has a number of proposed reserves and still allows free diving spearfishermen and rod and reel sport to take a large area of Santa Barbara coastline. By allowing spearfishing take in Proposed State Marine Conservation areas (SMCA) you are allowing the freediving and spearfishing community to be the watchdogs of the conservation areas, caring for the beaches and underwater environment.			
Santa Barbara	782	Marianne Clark	Santa Barbara	Of the plans proposed, external proposal B has my strongest support. In general, I have a concern about limiting spearfishing on the SB Coast. Spearfishing is the most selective and ecologically south sport fishing activity, and should not be discouraged as an alternative to (patronizing) commercial fishing practices.			
Santa Barbara	783	Kristi Birney Rieman	Ventura	The following comments are provided for all the draft proposals. There is not a large diversity of proposals. They all appear very similar and seem to represent fishing interest not conservation. Please bring back External Draft C or shapes/MPAS from External Draft C into the process. MPAs appear to be small in size and they are very spread out. These small MPAs with large distances between them favor fishing over conservation. There is not a lot of local protection for Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties. Have Refugio, Gaviota, Naples, Carpenteria, Ventura River Mouth, and Santa Clara River Mouth been considered?			There has been a good effort to involve the public in the process. However, I am disappointed that External C was voted off the island. Bring back Draft Proposal C or Shapes/MPAs from External C.
Santa Barbara	784	Anonymous		MPAs on these maps do not look sufficient to form a network that can preserve the great diversity of species that Southern CA coastal waters contains. I am concerned that ocean warming will mean the need for some plants and animals to establish themselves in difference locales from now. MPAs should therefore be generous. Naples Reef is very important for UCSB scientific research and education - needs a high degree of protection which should also yield "seed stock" for the adjacent waters. Devereux Slough is part of the University Land & Water Reserve System - adjacent coean waters should be consistent with that.			
Santa Barbara	785	Andrew Bobro	Santa Barbara	Lapis 1 and 2 and Topaz - I am a spearfisherman, and the proposals for my local coastline don't look too bad in my opinion. I think that we need to have sea creatures and habitat protect from overfishing and destruction. Water visibility is of the utmost importance when diving/spearfishing, and some areas have a better track record. It appears that the UCSB area (Devereaux and Goleta Slough) are the main areas on the proposals. Devereaux Point is a pretty decent spot, and has lots of life. I normally do not dive it (15-20 times per year at most).			

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Santa Barbara	786	Andrew Whiteley	IV	I like External Proposal A and B. I think the implementation of these plans should start small and evaluate the impact they have before a larger swath of recreational areas are closed to the public.			As a fisherman and a person who cares greatly about the environment, I would like to see the smallest possible closures and have them studied for effectiveness, both in protecting fish and plant species, but also in cost effectiveness. If a certain method can be shown to be effective I feel it would then be appropriate to expand these efforts.
Santa Barbara	787	Nicholas Patton	Goleta	1. The MPA arrays that have been proposed (all 6 of them) do NOT represent a range of alternatives as required under the MLPA and will fail under CEQA once reviewed by the commission of fish & game. Rather, they are over represented of fish interests and fail to represent the interests of conservationists, researchers. 2. Science and conservation priorities for the south coast are NOT represented in the MPA arrays that remain. More to the point, ecosystem and biological protection is needed on Santa Barbara's coast (mainland) including Napleas and Carpenteria reef. 3. The remaining MPA arrays fail to meet requirements imposed by law. They are too small, too far apart to help restore marine ecosystems or meet the state's established science guidelines.			Fishing interests are disproportionately represented in the Regional Stakeholder Group and conservation interests are underrepresented.
Santa Barbara	788a	Kandice McDonald	Goleta	From my understanding through speaking with many people this evening. None of these proposals meet the science guidelines. Therefore my major concern is if any of these proposals will be able to meet the first goal of the MLPA-to protect structure, function and integrity of marine ecosystems. Evidence shows that the existing Channel Islands sanctuary is succeeding, and the MPA's off the Channel Islands are much larger than those proposed along the coast. We need larger reserves if we want to see the same results. Furthermore the maps are all very similar. Where is the diversity in proposals? Another major concern of mine is the question of whether these proposals will account for environmental fluctuations such as El Nino and decadal regime shifts. Also, will these reserves be large enough for communities to withstand climate change impacts such as increasing PH and sea surface temperature rise?		If I had to choose specific maps I would choose the island portions of Opal and the land portion of Topaz, but including Carpinteria reef. The southern California bight is an extremely diverse and valuable habitat which needs to be adequately protected to sustain maritime culture and the future of our fisheries!	
Santa Barbara	788b	Kandice McDonald		One specific area, which is not on any maps that I would like to see protected is Carpinteria Reef. The gap between Goleta and Point Dume is too large and does not meet science requirements. Carpinteria area is also a representative habitat because of the large kelp forest there. Another valuable area I would like to see protected is Naples. Naples is a very important area to the public that a lot of people are currently working to protect, this is an area of great interest.			
Santa Barbara	789	John Henigin	Santa Barbara	External B. Managed area such as a marine reserve which give access to controlled fishing such as slot, depth catch & release can be as or more effective if done on a large scale. No take areas should have provision for non threatening access, such as shore fishing.			

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Santa Barbara	790	Freeman	Santa Barbara	As a commerical fisherman working out of Santa Barbara Harbor I find most of the proposals will impact the coastal fisherman into a smaller area resulting in overfishing and eventual collapse of fish populations. To me, what works for S.B. Harbor to Naples: proposal O looks best but I realize this is a give and take situation so I can probably live with B.			
Santa Barbara	791	Scott Bradley	Santa Barbara	Draft MPA-why no MPA proposals Carp & south to Ventura. Can there be flexibility of size & spacing? i.e. 3 miles can it be 2.75 milies? Devereaux-can point remain open? Only access point for all UCSB students. i.e. leave point south to open increase size north above point (sands).			
Santa Barbara	792	Charlie Graham	Santa Barbara	I support External Proposal A.			
Santa Barbara	793	Adam Sachs	Santa Barbara	(Lapis 1) I am very concerned that the Isla Vista (coal oil point SMR) has consistently been proposed on virtual all draft proposals while Carpinteria reef has been eliminated. Carp reef is very large, contains a wide variety of diverse habitat and is significantly less frequently used by the recreational fishing community than is the area encompassed by the Coil oil point SMR. As a freedive spearfisherman I would gladly accept a large portion of the Carp reef designated as an SMR in exchange for a smaller area of the Coil Oil Point (SMR) to allow recreational take of pegagic finfish and lobster. My proposal would result in an increase in total area designated as SMR's while eliminating the exclusion of recreational divers to one fo the most valued dive locations in Santa Barbara County (Devereaux).			
Santa Barbara	794	Chris Heimlich	Santa Barbara	PLEASE DO NOT CLOSE NAPLES REEF. I live in Santa Barbara and have been diving Naples reef for 25+ years. This is an excellent diving spot for sea bass and lobster. The reef is in great shape and has many lobster and species of fish. Naples offers divers a place to dive when it is difficult or dangerous to go to the channel islands or dive the coast and also is divable when the coast is washed out. It is abundant with sea life and an excellent example of a sustainable take zone. If you are considering closing Naples Reef I ask fi you have ever done it? If not you need to. You will see that it has thrived while being open for fishing and diving. If you must put restrictions on the reef please consider leaving it open for recreational lobster and pelagics. PLEASE DO NOT CLOSE NAPLES REEF.			
Santa Barbara	795a	S. Janik	Santa Barbara	I am concerned about how the MPA process has already moved away from its original guiding principles of protecting marine life and marine habitat as a result of round after round of compromise with those with extractive interests. Many of these habitats have already been significantly degraded without protection, the damage could be irreversible. The fishing coalitions (commerical and recreational) who are opposed to reserves and conservation areas are perhaps buying time for them to continue fishing these areas in the short-term-but in the long-term, unsustainable practices will also result in the closure of these areas through the collapse of the fisheries rather than their protection for future generations.			Thank you for holding this informative meeting. I appreciate the opportunity to comment.

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Santa Barbara	795b	S. Janik		Extremists who are unwilling to put the good of the public, of the environment, and of the future generations ahead of their own personal profit or enjoyment should not be allowed to drive this process. We need MPA's based on science, not on who talks longest or loudest at public meetings. Of the current proposals, I am in favor of the Topaz draft.			
Santa Barbara	796	Marc Brody	Santa Barbara				I was pleased to find out fishing/trawling boats are limited in size. A larger factory type fleet would be harmful to fisherman, their families as well as the environment.
Santa Barbara	797	Adam Sachs	Santa Barbara	This comment is directed towards the Coal Oil Point SMR in maps Lapis 1/2, Opal, Topaz. I am wondering if its possible to extend the western boundry to add more area to the SMR but create an "open" extractive take area from the stairs at the western end of Isla Vista to the top of Devereaux Point. By extending the SMR to the west the SMR would increase in total area: I am wondering if two SMR's seperated by a small extractive area would function just as well as one larger reserve?			
Santa Barbara	798	John Kushwarm	Santa Barbara	There are two proposals I am inclined to support. Proposal B is my first choice. I do like the concept of a managed resource that is managed to include appropriate take through controlling non selective methods of the size, seasons, etc. I am specifically speaking of the management area around Catalina. My second choice is Topaz because of the consideration for selective methods of take, handgathering, shore fishing, spearfishing for white seabass, halibut yellowtail. I believe the responsible sportsman is an integral part of a healthy ecosystem in todays world. We are the eyes and ears for those responsible for enforcing the law. I have been responsible for 2 busts on the north coast regarding abalone. The poachers would have never been seen if I was not there to observe and report. My interest is protecting a resource that adds purpose to my life. I am a freediver.		I like revised B and my next choice is Topaz. I support responsible take by individuals.	I think the process should be slowed. There is big money special interests behind closing access. I am afraid that the process will lead to reserves that only the wealthy and elite will be able to participate in. Example: nature conservancy.
Santa Barbara	799	Bill Hooten	Santa Barbara	Round 2-Revised External Proposal A is a realistic proposal which I as a 35 year comm fisherman could live with. I would like to see serious consideration given to opening existing closed areas at the Northern Channel Islands to periodic Sea Urchin harvesting.			
Santa Barbara	800	NO NAME	NO CITY LISTED	What can I say at this point: The proposal maps look too similar. There are not enough areas proposed for state marine reserves on any of these maps (from a conservation point of view).			

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Santa Barbara	801	NO NAME	NO CITY LISTED	MPA: Naples Reef, SB. Salta Verde, Catalina Island. More of Palos Verdes, L.A. Pointed Cove, SCI			On prominent display should be maps (not the kernels but maps. See D. Siegal's lab) highlighting source & destinatio strengths of the 135 patches used in the UCLS/UCSB ROMS model. Do this for a few scenarios: 10, 30, 60 day PLD. Spring, summer & fall /winter spawning. The public is smart enough to absorb this info and they will better link concept of protecting sources & fishing sinks w/MPA proposals.
Santa Barbara	802	Proud Eagle	Ventura	Display native names. Santa Rosa is Wimal. Santa Cruz is Limu. Malibu is Thundering Surf.			
Avalon	803	Evan Salvay	Palos Verdes Est., Avalon	For starters...Calico Bass slot limit, 12-18 inches or 14-18 inches limit reduced from 10 to 5 per person. Reduction or elimination of market squid seiners, light boats and dip netters allowed. Reduction of white seabass bag limit from 3 to 1, or 2 fish under 35 inches, or one fish over 35 inches per person. Allow the harvest of 1 cowcod per person as long as it is caught while fishing in present allowed depths (360 ft or less).			
Avalon	804	Kelsey Albert	Dana Pt.	In regards to the Catalina MLPA workshops: I enjoyed the chance to speak specifically about Catalina issues. I appreciate that the Round 2 Opal draft maps for Catalina take into consideration conservation as well as fishing & ocean use/access. Though I remain a firm supporter of proposal A maps for Catalina, if there was alternative map that had to be chosen, Lapis Round 2 would follow my first choice (prop A) & Opal Round 2 would be my third. Specific areas of Catalain where I do not want to see an SMR: West End (west cove), areas around Little Harbor, Ben Weston Pt., Sulta Verde, & the V-s. I would support a Farnsworth SMCA/SMR with NO anchoring. An alternative to anchoring in reserves was discussed with one RSG member: Mooring cans. These would still allow scuba & boat access/mooring without damaging the reef. If no anchoring was allowed in an SMR, I would be in favor of mooring cans being installed.			Thank you for having these workshops-it's a shame more people that will be affected by this have not shown up to the meetings.
Avalon	805	Michael Pouce	Avalon	Options shown can work on Catalina still have to continue with our ballyhoos here.			
Carlsbad	806	R. Avery Ellisman	Encinitas	I wish, with this letter, to provide my personal input as regards the various plans being considered under the Marine Life Protection Act. By way of background, I note that I am 56 years of age, a native of Southern California, and have lived on or near the Southern California coast most of my life. Indeed, as a youth I fished, sailed and surfed in most accessible areas from Lompoc south, and as an adult, have enjoyed all forms of ocean recreation in our beautiful waters, being proud to share these experiences with my wife and three young children.			

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Carlsbad	806 B1	R. Avery Ellisman	Encinitas	While I support and recognize the importance of some form of action meant to preserve the ocean-related joys I have experienced for our younger generation and generations to come, I have gained what I believe to be an important perspective particularly as a result of kayak fishing in La Jolla. Specifically, the intimacy I, as a kayak fisherman, experience with the water has naturally led to my becoming a self-regulated conservationist, i.e., I take only what I can eat, and make special effort to safely return fish I don't intend to keep. This perspective and value is one I share not only with my children, but one I've come to learn is pervasive amongst the local kayak fishing community.			
Carlsbad	806 B2	R. Avery Ellisman		While a panel may be charged with developing a plan that serves to protect and preserve local fisheries, I posit that this panel must, in fairness to the present as well as future generation of fishing enthusiasts, distinguish between users at risk of abusing the fisheries, versus those who self-regulate their use and promote conservation as an inherent value of their sport.			
Carlsbad	806 C1	R. Avery Ellisman	Encinitas	While the above seeks to distinguish kayak fishermen as a user group that does not abuse the fisheries it frequents, I wish to additionally note some specific qualities about the area now known as La Jolla Cove. To wit, this area has been a natural and safe launching area for fishermen long before the area belonged to Mexico, California or part of the later-incorporated city of San Diego. Its history as natural launching and landing site for area fishermen spans hundreds of years and many cultures, whether indigenous or otherwise, and the consideration of disallowing what has occurred here for so many generations is, quite simply, contrary to the area's history and long-standing character. The reasonable no-take zone established there a number of years ago has served to protect and enhance the attraction of the area for local and visiting scuba divers,			
Carlsbad	806 C2	R. Avery Ellisman		and it has made sure that those who seek to fish the area do so after paddling, swimming or boating some ½ mile from shore. The area, as most know, is very unique, in that its sheltered kelp beds and deep water canyons attract many types of fish, including pelagic species that are otherwise found only in deep water areas. The opportunity to catch a variety of fish from a self-powered, beach-launched craft attracts kayak fishermen to the area from all over the world. Indeed, there are no other accessible places in California with such an array of fish and a relatively protected (i.e., "safe") area for launch. It is neither safe nor wise to launch a kayak through big surf, and the closure of La Jolla for kayak fishing will, in effect, strike a major blow to this activity in the region while condemning an activity that has been part of the area culture long before the existence of the State of California.			

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Carlsbad	806 D1	R. Avery Ellisman	Encinitas	Kayak fishing is considered the largest and fastest-growing niche market in the sports fishing industry today. While supported through a review of the industry, this statement is easily confirmed through conversations with owners of any coastal tackle shop. Indeed, one need only look at the rigging of an average kayak fisherman's craft to know that, in addition to that spent to purchase a kayak, hundreds – if not thousands – of dollars have also been spent on all kinds of fishing-related gear. Additional conversations with proprietors of restaurants or hotels in or around La Jolla will further confirm the revenue generated through the provision of services to visiting kayak anglers who, rather than frequenting the area only in the summer, come to fish La Jolla throughout the year.			
Carlsbad	806 D2	R. Avery Ellisman		In short, the termination of kayak fishing in La Jolla will not only impact myself, my family and all who enjoy kayak fishing, it will have significant negative fiscal impact on the businesses in the area.			
Carlsbad	806 E	R. Avery Ellisman	Encinitas	In summary, I reiterate that a) kayak fishermen are a unique user group that warrants exception from any proposed area closures, b) La Jolla is a unique historic resource that provides the only safe beach launch to a fishery that offers diversity and challenge to kayak fishermen, and c) the closure of La Jolla to kayak fishing will kill this activity in the region, with such having significant and negative impact on the local business community.			
San Diego	807a	Corey Wyrick	San Diego			As a kayak fisherman, I would be seriously impacted by the proposed La Jolla 2 SMR included in draft proposal Lapis 1. Currently the northern boundary of the red (no take) zone extends west from the northern most tip of La Jolla point, which eliminates many areas currently accessed by kayak anglers. Eliminating fishing in these areas would concentrate more anglers on the northern areas, causing increased pressure in these areas. La Jolla SMR proposal, as it sits currently, would eliminate about half of the productive yellowtail and white seabass grounds currently accessed within paddling range from La Jolla Shores boat launch. By shifting the red area of the proposed La Jolla SMR south approximately 1 mile, the same type and quantity of habitat would be included in the SMR, and kayakers would not be so adversely affected. Another option would be to allow the take of yellowtail and seabass in the northern portion of the La Jolla 2 SMR, by changing the designation to a park.	I would like to offer some background information on myself so that you may know what type of people you are taking comments from. I am a thirty-two year old drug discovery scientist and a ten year San Diego resident. I have been kayak fishing for pelagic finfish in La Jolla for all of those ten years. I do not target groundfish, only yellowtail, white seabass, and halibut. Kayaking and fishing on the ocean are my primary hobbies outside of work and family. I only keep fish which my family can consume fresh. I do not stockpile fish in my freezer or give fish away to others.

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San Diego	807b	Corey Wyrick				I sincerely hope that if parts of La Jolla must be included in the MPAs that we can reach a compromise that everyone can live with. I also hope that the RSG and BRTF members recognize that as kayak anglers, we are among the most environmentally friendly and conscious of anglers. We are also the least mobile and most geographically and environmentally constrained. We are very limited in where we can safely and legally access the ocean, with La Jolla shores being our only safe and legal ocean access.	The ocean and its creatures are sacred resources to me and I consider myself to be an environmentalist and a steward of the ocean. I always try to leave the ocean a better place than I found it by picking up any trash that I find, and educating and/or reporting any violators of the DFG regulations that I see while on the water. I volunteer my time and money to SDOceans and Hubbs programs for white seabass restoration by feeding juvenile white seabass every Tuesday morning on San Diego Bay. In the coming month we will be releasing over 10,000 white seabass fingerlings into the bay!
San Diego	808	Tom Keough	San Diego	I oppose all the MPA proposals that call for Marine Reserves in the areas off La Jolla and Point Loma. These areas have thriving, sustainable pelagic and resident marine life populations due to the years of sound game-management efforts of the Fish and Game Department. Declaring a Marine Reserve in the La Jolla and Point Loma areas prevents enjoyment of these marine resources by countless numbers of boaters, divers, fishermen, spearfishermen, kayakers, and swimmers. Marine Reserves in these areas will also prevent further sound resource management practices that have made these areas so productive. For example, a Marine Reserve in these areas will prevent harvesting of urchins, and unchecked numbers of urchins will eat the "hold-fast" bases of kelp plants that anchor them to the bottom. The unchecked, unmanaged urchins will destroy the marine-life sustaining kelp beds and will create bleak, regions like the empty area of the existing preserve outside of La Jolla Shores.		I urge the adoption of a Marine Reserve or closure in the area off of Del Mar as an alternative to closures in areas off the shorelines of La Jolla and Point Loma. The Del Mar area provides biodiversity and habitat-and-species protection that meets scientific goals of the MPLA. The establishment of a marine reserve closure in the Del Mar area is also supported by multiple proposals including the FIN external proposal and the regional stakeholder's group proposals (Lapis 2, Opal, and Topas). The closure of the Del Mar area would not have nearly the same socio-economic impact on San Diego County as La Jolla and Point Loma area closures. Del Mar area does not serve the same economic and tourism base nor is the Del Mar area close to any major marina complexes with their dozens of marinas unlike La Jolla/Point Loma which are right outside of Mission Bay/San Diego Bay.	I have been a spear fisherman in the La Jolla and Point Loma areas for over forty-five years. I hope to be able to continue practicing this God-given heritage with my many diving friends for years to come. I personally knew the pioneers of free-diving and spear-fishing that started it all here in San Diego. Over the years, I have dived and shared adventures with many of them, and it saddens me greatly that this gratifying and fulfilling activity may be taken away from us and denied to my heirs by the actions MPLA.
Laguna Beach	809a	Irwin Haydock	Fountain Valley	My comments are based on my education (BS, MA, Phd-marine Biology), experience (Chief Scientist LACSD 73-89, OCSD 89-96, Science 69-73, CF&G Dept-Ca abalone, oysters/Bays & Estuaries 1950. Salton Sea Mgr 68-70) and over 50 years of working on problems & resources in aquatic sciences. Based on this experience/education/interest/predict that more of the current proposals will allow maintenance. Let alone recovery of our intertidal, subtidal, and open water resources. Only significant areas of no take marine reserves will allow California to recover some remnant of what existed when I was a boy in the 1940's-50's. My first job for Cal Fish and Game was as a 19-year old seasonal aid for the Menlo Park DFG-Marine branch assigned to Keith Cox's abalone project-the 1st ever to embrace a long-term ecological approach to resources management.			

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Laguna Beach	809b	Irwin Haydock		After that 10th year, 1957, Keith Cox wrote the definitive fish bull on the abalone in 1960 and the following year the project was terminated-evidently because long-term was =to 10 years of study. That year the commerical catch was 4.5 million pounds of abalone of all kinds, over the next 40 plus years the catch progressively declined through Red, pink, green, black white and etc. Abalone species until almost all species were gone and a moreitorium was declared South of San Francisco. My second experience was 20 years later as Manager of LACSD's Ocean Monitoring program at White Point on Palos Verdes. For a variety of reasons, including pollution, the abalone fishery was closed but the lobster fishery remained open. This fact effectively, left all the abalone at risk to lobster diving poachers that deerailed the population.			
Laguna Beach	809c	Irwin Haydock		If an area is not closed to all take it will ve harvest and cannot be effectively patrolled. I was reminded of my youth, spent rowing passengers in the glass bottom boat concession in the Pacific Grove marine gardens of Monterey Bay in the early 1950's.			
Laguna Beach	810a	Chris Lupin	Mission Viejo			My name is Chris Lupin and I am a freedive spearfisherman, occasional hook and line fisherman, scuba diver, and surfer from Orange County. I frequently dive and fish the waters of Laguna Beach and Dana point. I dive at least 2 or 3 times per week, and while following this process, I have come to realize that I may have to give up a few of my favorite dive spots, but I am not willing to see them closed based on incomplete data. The full socioeconomic and scientific impact these closures will have has not been accurately measured, and because of this I urge the implementation of minimal closures. Once more scientific and socioeconomic data becomes available, well-informed decisions can be made.	
Laguna Beach	810b	Chris Lupin				By closing large amounts of Laguna and Newport to fishing, many local businesses will lose large amounts of revenue, including tackle shops, dive shops, gas stations, and the restaurants we love to visit before and after going to the beach. If large areas of this coastline are closed, the great amount of money spent in Laguna Beach by visiting fishermen and consumptive divers will be spent in other cities, as we will have no reason to visit the shores of Laguna and Newport. Please do not close the majority of Laguna and Newport to fishing; instead, work for a smaller more manageable closure that will not have a large negative socioeconomic impact on Laguna Beach.	

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Laguna Beach	810c	Chris Lupin				It is important to preserve our oceans, but please consider other ways that will not affect so many people negatively before closing the entire coastline of Laguna Beach. 95% of the accessible shore diving locations are in Laguna Beach, so it is not reasonable to expect divers to just go somewhere else to fish. Extremely long swims and conditions with strong currents and deep bottoms can be dangerous, especially for the inexperienced divers. By cutting off this easy access, less fit divers and inexperienced divers will face dangerous situations, with possible injuries and death from drowning or fatigue related complications. I have spent more than \$1000 in the past year in Laguna Beach alone, and I live 20 minutes away from the city. If it is no longer possible to dive in Laguna Beach, the city will not have \$1000 dollars each year from me.	
Laguna Beach	810d	Chris Lupin				I can assure you, that if diving easily accessible spots within 30 minutes of my house is not possible next year, I will also not be purchasing a CA fishing license. With fewer anglers purchasing licenses, the Department of Fish and Game will have less money to police the closure, when they need more money than they currently have. Poaching will be out of control and the reserves will be rendered ineffective. I would like to show my support for the FIN proposal, External Proposal A, as I believe it will create a successful and manageable network of MPAs that will effectively preserve parts of the ocean while minimizing socio-economic impacts. Please implement a program similar in scale to External A.	
San Diego	811a	David Crane	San Diego	External B		I am a long-time resident and fisherman of San Diego, and I am writing to express my concern about recent MLPA proposals and the pending decision to close fishing in La Jolla and/or Point Loma. I currently fish the proposed closure areas of La Jolla and Point Loma 90% of the time I fish. 5 years ago I spent 25k on a 21' boat to use in these areas and over these last 5 years I have spent an additional \$30k at local businesses that include: SquidCo (John & Joey Simeon), Angler's Choice, Boating Dynamics (Robbie Gordon), Aeros Trailers, H&M and Seaforth Landings, Dana Landing – Bait & Tackle and Boater's World.	

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San Diego	811b	David Crane				If these closures pass I would probably be forced to sell my boat and/or move somewhere else that has this kind of fishing.In addition to my private boating experiences, I have occasionally been on ½ and ¾ day boats out of Mission Bay and San Diego bay that fish these areas regularly. These boats have been fishing here for years and have the fish counts to back any data needed with regards to healthy fish stocks.If these closures go into effect this will dramatically decrease the amount of money I spend yearly on the local San Diego economy and fishing community. I'm just one fisherman here. Please consider the larger impact this will have on the fishing community as well as the City of San Diego.	

SMCA = state marine conservation area, SMP = state marine park, SMR = state marine reserve, SMRMA = state marine recreational management area
† = person submitted duplicate comments